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LOCAL NEWS.

LAWRENCE PARRETT cleared $6,000 in the New England states within two weeks.

BEECHER will lecture at Peoria April 8th.

THERE is a lady in the city selling the life of John B. Gough.

THE father of Charles McKim has engaged Crea & Ewing to defend him at the trial for shooting Edward Ivey.

MANAGER HAINES has a splendid line of attractions booked for the present and coming weeks.

JOHN SCOTT and John C Boyce have formed a copartnership to engage in the lumber business at Mt. Zion.

REV. J. P. DIMMITT is conducting a revival meeting at Joliet and is meeting with much success.

LOTTA will not visit Decatur until next season—is not booked to appear until 1887.

THE Wabash furnishes most of the material for the block of a street to be made of concrete by D. Martin in front of his lime establishment.

CHARLES T. STRATTON has bought an interest in the Illinois *State Journal.* He and Paul Selby will eventually secure possession of the paper.

LOCAL chicken breeders are quite enthusiastic over the big poultry exhibition to be held in January. It will bring hundreds of breeders and sight seers to Decatur.

SAFE BLOWERS got in their work Saturday night at Tower Hill, near Shelbyville They got $250 from the safes in the stores of Dutton & Co. and Frank Corley.

A CLINTON goat climbed upon a portico of R. A. Lemon's residence and seeing its reflection in one of the windows, stepped back and then dashed at it, demolishing the thick plate glass.

P. H. HUNT, the stone contractor of Decatur, has received the contract to tear down the old Marine bank building at Springfield. He will put up the new building on the site of the old one. It will have a solid front of brown stone.

GEN'L SEC'Y MANN is home from the Newton conference, where nearly $300 was raised to carry on the work for young men there. He reports Newton as a temperance town; at present the county jail holds two prisoners, the first that have been confined within its walls for a long time.

YESTERDAY there was filed in the office of Recorder McClellan a warranty deed for $105,000 worth of land and other property given to Charles J. Off and signed by Mr. and Mrs Z. Boughn, of Warrensburg, who leave to-day for their new home in Nebraska.

AN appeal bond has been filed in the Caswell divorce case at Monticello with Daniel H. Caswell and Chas W. Thomas as principal and surety, and the case will be transferred to the appellate court at the June term.

ALDERMAN OAKES is out for re-election in the fourth ward. The alderman has been active and efficient in the discharge of his duties, being specially worthy of mention for his efforts in favor of the introduction of the electric light

QUITE a number of miners are leaving Decatur for other points It is stated that no less than 25 have departed for other points to secure steady work. In the busy season the Decatur company employs 200 to 300 men, but during the summer months only 50 to 75 men are needed.

HAVE you a cough? Sleepless nights need no longer trouble you The use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, before retiring, will soothe the cough to quiet, allay the inflammation and allow the needed repose. It will, moreover, speedily heal the pulmonary organs, and give you health.

AT the recent election in Nokomis for councilmen the issue was "temperance" or "license," the license ticket being triumphant with a single reception. When the board met, this single exception, E. G. Greenman, was chosen president, and he now refuses to sign saloon licenses.

THE meeting at the opera house of Maroa citizens last Saturday evening, to discuss the coal mine project, was not largely attended, owing to the inclement weather. The understanding is that they have enough money subscribed (minus $100) to commence prospecting. The town board has called a meeting of the citizens for Wednesday evening, the object being to get an expression of the citizens in regard to investing $100, or the amount needed yet to insure prosecution of work.

GOLD and Silver Shirts at Cheap Charley's. 23-lawtf

BURNT OUT IN THE NIGHT.

Two Bad Fires on Mason Street—Mrs. Knapp's Loss $1800.

From Monday's Daily.

This morning at 2 o'clock the story and a half frame dwelling of five rooms, at No. 348 East Mason street, the property of a widow lady, Mrs. Sarah A. Knapp, was discovered to be in flames, but not until the fire was under good headway. The fire started in the kitchen, and the crackling noise awoke Mrs. Knapp, who gave the alarm. She kept two boarders, George Castle and Jesse Brown, Wabash bridge builders, who occupied an upper room. Their only means of escape was to jump out of the window, through which they let down their trunks, thus saving part of their clothing, but one lost his watch and the other a new coat and shoes. The lady had the house handsomely furnished at an expense of $800, but saved only a sewing machine, a bureau, two chairs, a stand, and what clothing could be carried out in one trip The home was the property of Mrs. Knapp, valued at $1,000, and was insured with the German Insurance Co., of Freeport, Ill, for $600; furniture in same company, for $400; A. Smick, agent.

The Thomas Lyons one story frame, east of the Knapp property, caught fire and was partly destroyed. It was occupied by Chas Coker and wife and four young women. Everything was carried out of this house. The property was worth about $400, no insurance.

Mrs. Knapp is at a loss to tell how the fire started. She says the flue was a solid one, made of brick. The family and boarders were away for dinner, and very little fire was made last evening. The kitchen was cold at 10 o'clock, when it was entered by one of the inmates. One of the boarders entered the house through the kitchen after 1 o'clock this morning, and passed directly to his room. He says there was no smell of fire about the kitchen then The theory is that the house was set on fire accidentally by burglars, or by some one who may have intended to turn out the Coker family, because they were not wanted in the neighborhood, but made a mistake in the house.

The firemen did not get the alarm until after the family were awakened. There was no alarm sent to No. 1 hose house, and the firemen had to ring up the exchange to locate the fire after they heard No 3's bell sound the alarm. The hose cart teams got to the scene first and got water in time to save adjoining property from destruction.

Fine Horses.

Mr. Jeremiah Miller, who lives 1¾ miles north of Bearsdale, desires to call the attention of horse breeders to the fine horses that may be seen at his farm, one a superb draft horse, Black Prince, by imported Niger, dam by an imported Clydesdale. This horse is well known to Macon county farmers, having been kept at the same place last season. The other is a roadster, Goulds, of Hambletonian stock, with a fine pedigree and possessing points of excellence that will recommend him to any judge of fine horses.

Candidates.

Thos. Fields, the present poundmaster, is a candidate for renomination, as will be seen by an announcement elsewhere. Mr. Fields is a poor man, with but a single arm to fight his way through life, and deserves well at the hands of the public

Jacob Bauer, a veteran soldier, is also announced for poundmaster, as an independent candidate

Past 100 Years of Age.

The following shows that people grow to a ripe old age in the Buckeye state:

Mrs. Mary Small Campbell.
March 20.
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Kishecoquillas Valley, Pa. Franklin, O.

James H. Millikin received the above card from Mrs. Jane H. Campbell, Hamilton, Ohio, his cousin and wife of the late Hon. L. D. Campbell, son of Mrs Mary Small Campbell, the centenarian.

Will Not Be There.

Reliable information received in Decatur Saturday by A H. Mills is to the effect that Sam Jones will not visit the city of Springfield. Upon finishing his work in Chicago, he goes south, thence to Baltimore.

TO-DAY the C. W. Allen Tobacco company, of Chicago, adopt the 8 hour system. The company will start each day at 7:30 and quit at 4 o'clock, allowing half an hour for dinner. The wages will be the same as paid for 10 hours' work. The company employs 350 people who are not members of any union and have not asked for shorter hours. Mr. Allen said his firm had been considering the change for several days, and he thought the 8-hour movement would become general in time. It is not likly that all firms who may adopt the 8-hour system will pay at the old rate for 10 hours' work.

THE Decatur newsboys do not take kindly to the cut of the Chicago *Tribune,* 5 to 3 cents a copy, and say that paper ought to be boycotted. Hardly. The people will have the *Tribune* and if they cannot get it of the dealers or newsboys the *Tribune* company will speedily provide a way to supply the public with copies daily at the cut price. The cut reduces the profit of the dealers to half a cent a copy.

THE best fitting Shirt made (Wilson Bros.) in stock at Stine's.

COUNT LAWOSKI'S STORY.

A Centenarian with a Remarkable History —He Fought with Napoleon.

Count Lawoski, to whom the REPUBLICAN referred briefly on Saturday, was still in the city to-day, preparing to reach Washington City, thence the stirring scenes of his youth and early manhood in France, where his wife, aged 79, now resides, cared for by her four sons, two of whom are in the French army and two soldiers in the Russian dominion. A REPUBLICAN reporter had a long chat with Count Lawoski on Sunday. He is a white-haired and gray bearded man of small stature, and according to his narrative, possesses a remarkable history. He is every inch a soldier, and loves to chat about wars and of the great European and American generals The Count comes of a noble family of Poland, and is a great admirer of the French people, but he has an undying hatred of the Russians and of those nations who combined to crush Napoleon Bonaparte and Kossuth, the Hungarian leader.

The Count was born at Warsaw, in Poland, July 4th, 1791, and will be 95 years old next Independence Day. His father was a Polish nobleman, who had two magnificent residences, one at Warsaw and another at Cracow. He was the owner of much land and extensive manufacturing establishments fifteen miles from Warsaw, where he had 1500 operatives making clothing and munitions of war for the Polish government. When the Count, the subject of this sketch, was 15 years of age, he informed his family that he desired to enter the army and devote his life to the fortunes of war. The ruling prince of Poland refused to recieve him and so did Napoleon, because of his youth, and by direction of Bonaparte, Lawoski was sent to the Military School at Paris in 1806, where he remained until 1810, when commissioned as captain of the light artillery, he began his active and eventful military career, going with Napoleon against the Black Arabians in 1810, whipping the Egyptians in 1811, returning to Paris, and in 1812 going with Napoleon and his 700,000 men on that memorable march through deep snow and facing piercing winds to Moscow. It was a campaign of four months duration. Moscow was burned by the Russians, and Napoleon had to retreat to Warsaw, losing 400,000 men, killed or taken prisoners, In 1813 the Count was with Napoleon at Austerlitz, where was witnessed one of the bloodiest and most terrible battles in the annals of war. Napoleon was there to subdue Austria, but that country, aided by the eight nations of Europe, confronted the Little Giant with 2,500,000 men. The French had but 700,000 men, but Bonaparte placed them in line of battle and fought for 15 days, routing the enemy and winning a victory that caused all the nations of the earth to tremble. The Count says, "every one of the 2,500,000 men, except those who got away, were killed by Bony, and at the close of the struggle there were from four to six inches of human blood on the battle field" Thence the Count went with Napoleon on his triumphant march against Vienna and Trieste, and against Prussia. In telling of the battle of 1815, where the Duke of Wellington captured the great French captain, the Count became rather excited, and extolled the prowess of Bony. When Napoleon was banished to St. Helena, 1500 of the French army, the Count among the numbee, accompanied him to the Island, and remained there three months, until they were recalled to France. "Then," said the Count, "in 1831-32, in the war of Russia against Poland, my native land, I left France, and joined my fortunes with those of my own people. We came near whipping Russia, but the Austrian, Prussian, Saxonburg and Wurtemburg rascals arrayed themselves against us, and we were defeated, and Russia, by conquest, became the owner of poor Poland. My poor father and two brothers, among hundreds of others, were banished for life to Siberia by the Russians, and all died in the silver mines within four years I was also on the roll among those named for exile in Siberia for life by Emperor Nicholas, but by the help of a good friend, I eluded the guards and escaped to Hungary, where I remained until 1848-9, when I enlisted under the courageous Hungarian leader, Kossuth, who made war against Austria. But again did the other nations combine their forces, and with the aid of Prussia, Russia and Wurtemburg, was Hungary whipped and all her lands and property confiscated. Kossuth had but 17,000 men and he was defeated by superior numbers. Many Hungarians were taken prisoners, myself among the rest, and we remained in custody until after Kossuth visited the United States, telling of the condition of his people. Then by invitation of the noble-hearted Americans over 500 of the vanquished people, all without any possessions, came to this free country in 1851. I came with the rest, and soon after my arrival became drill master of the cadets at West Point. I entered West Point in 1853 and my name will be found on the books of that military school. When the Rebellion of 1861 began I at once told the cadets I would join the Union army, and did so, becoming captain of the 101st Light Artillery, Pennsylvania Volunteers, fighting through the war three years and nine months under Gen. Siegel."

Since the war the Count relates that he has spent his time in Canada, California, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois, and that up to 1868 he drew a pension of $800 a year from the French government. He has left the Soldiers' Home at Milwaukee. He liked the beds and the eating at the Home, but says he would rather live with the dogs than stay there with the rough, swearing crowd of soldiers. He stated that he had never been sick a day in his life and had never taken any medicine whatever.

The Count's feeling toward Russia, as before stated, is deep-seated and bitter, and he said that if the United States ever had trouble with a nation of Europe, the "Russian rascals will be the first to offer assistance to England or any other country to crush America. Do I think Europe can whip the United States? Yes, I do. This country, if the nations of Europe were to combine against it, would be overpowered, and Russia would be the first to step in for a big share of the land. But there is no present fear of trouble, and if I can reach my wife in Paris, and find a pleasant home, I shall spend the remaining few years of my life in peace and comfort." The Count during his lifetime has spoken eight different languages, but he has lived so long in America that he has forgotten some of the lingos, and has no practical use except for English, Polish and German.

During his stay in Decatur Count Lawoski has been cared for by members of Dunham Post No. 141, G. A. R., and he feels especially grateful to them for their kindness. He is thinly clad and has no grip-sack. Under his arm he carries a great roll of newspapers each giving a meagre history of his eventful life.

Death of Mrs. Eli Brenneman.

Mrs. Mary A. Brenneman, wife of Eli Brenneman, died this forenoon at 11:20 o'clock at the family residence, No 240 South Franklin street, in the 36th year of her age. The deceased had been afflicted with a stomach trouble for a number of years, but was in average health up to 12 days ago, when she was at the bedside of her sick sister giving her attention. About a week ago she became weak and was forced to remain in her room, and though she had the best medical skill and received faithful attention from the family and neighbors, she passed away at the hour stated conscious to the last moment, almost with her last breath speaking words of pity and comfort to her grief-stricken husband.

Mary Amanda Clanton was born at Louisville, Ind, on Feb. 24th 1851, and became the wife of Eli Brenneman on Nov. 14, 1870. The couple resided in Decatur until they removed to the Elm Grove Farm, near Macon, where they lived until a year ago when they returned to Decatur, occupying the Wessels property which they purchased in 1885. The deceased was a daughter of Mrs. Sarah W. Gibson, who with a sister, Mrs. Oliver Klime, resides at Santa Rosa, Cal. Another sister, Mrs. Elijah Hasket, resides on Centre Ridge farm north of Decatur. She has been ill for some weeks and her death is daily expected. A half-sister resides in Indiana Mrs. Brenneman was a noble-hearted sympathetic woman, devoted to her husband and home, and her death is lamented by her scores of warm friends who knew her noble qualities of head and heart The bereaved husband will have the sympathy of the community in his irreparable loss.

Fire In the Bills Block.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the Dr. J. N. Bills block, south of the court house, nearly opposite the REPUBLICAN. The fire bell clanged loudly and the firemen responded to the call, in ample time to prevent a spread of the flames, though they had to fight the fire for two hours before it was subdued. The fire caught at the floor at the rear of the middle room, occupied by Jesse Fisher, agricultural implement dealer. The fire burned beneath the floor north and south at the rear of the offices occupied by B McGorray and Justice Eyman. Doors were burst open and windows broken in, while the firemen had to use axes to cut through dividing walls so they could get the water at the right place. The building is damaged less than $30; fully insured in the "Ætna," Warren & Durfee, agents. Three families occupy the upper rooms in the block. They were not specially alarmed. Opinion is divided as to whether or not the building was set on fire. Some think a lighted cigar stump carelessly thrown upon the floor may have caused the fire.

Good for Everett.

Everett Brown, graduate of the high school and son of Dr. J. Brown, has been attending the Chicago Medical College the past winter. He is a member of the Junior Class, among whom there has existed for some time considerable rivalry as to the special honors conferred by the College faculty last week. Everett was the lucky member of the large class, being named by the faculty as first prosector, or assistant demonstrator of anatomy, and will perform his duties before the students next winter. This is the highest honor ever conferred upon a first-course student and of course a Decatur boy captured it.

IF you are suffering from a sense of *extreme weariness,* try one bottle of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It will cost you but one dollar, and will do you incalculable good. It will do away with that tired feeling, and give you new life and energy.

Public Notice.

The Republicans of Illini are requested to meet at G. W. Thompson's store Saturday, March 27th, 1886, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the township election.

By order of committee.

EDITH ALLEN, aged 10 years, only daughter of Rhodes and Emma Allen, of Harristown, this county, died at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on March 12th, and was buried at Harristown cemetery on March 15th. Mr. Allen still remains at the Springs. He was some better, but the death of his daughter gave him such a shock that he is now very weak and is worse off physically than when he left the county some months ago.

"HACKMETACK," a lasting and fragrant perfume. Price 25 and 50 cents. Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling.

THE NOTED "WHITE FRONT."

John Irwin and His Popular Clothing Store Fixed Up in Spring Garb.

From Wednesday's, Daily.

Last evening a REPUBLICAN reporter was attracted to John Irwin's famous White Front clothing and gent's furnishing store, in Postoffice Block, and while there was shown through the establishment, which is splendidly illuminated each evening by two bright arc lamps. The store has been beautifully repainted and decorated within the past few weeks, and Mr. Irwin, who is always enterprising, has increased his stock of stylish goods, until now it embraces everything a man or boy wants to clothe himself in the most durable and fashionable garb, all at prices that defy successful competition, considering the style and quality of goods. There is connected with the store a merchant tailoring department, and parties wanting suits made to order can be accommodated at any time. In the attractive windows may be seen fine samples of goods on sale, and upon shelves and on tables may be found a varied assortment of clothing, hats, caps, gent's furnishing goods—in fact, everything usually kept in a first-class establishment.

The signal service station is at Irwin's store, where neatly printed cards giving the sign indications may be secured free of cost to the caller. The public is cordially invited to visit the "White Front" and secure bargains. Satisfaction guaranteed.

The New Park.

Ex-Mayor Priest has reconsidered his resolution formed to leave Decatur for a western town, and the amended motion to spend the remainder of his days in this city, put before the house around his family altar, has been unanimously adopted. Consequently Mr. Priest is now engaged in fitting up Riverside Park, below Greenwood Cemetery, near the water works dam. Mr Priest will endeavor to secure permission from the city council to extend his track around the mound in the old square, south on Main street, down past the cemetery to the new park. This morning Mr. Priest was around paying cash in advance for cinders to build a walk around the cemetery below the Main street entrance, so that those who don't care to ride in the cars to the new park can walk.

Going It in Fine Style.

M. P. Murphey is new in the book agent business, but he is meeting with very flattering success in taking orders for Gen. Grant's book. He is going over the ground carefully, and people who are not in the habit of subscribing for books quietly yield when Murphey gets after them. There is no need of extolling the merits of the book; everybody knows it is the very best work of its kind ever written, and it should be in every house in the land.

CHAMPAIGN is making war upon card playing of all kinds. One preacher has notified several of his flock to cease playing euchre, or come and take their names off the register. The young ladies have organized an anti-card playing society, and will boycott the young men who persist in handling the seductive pasteboards. In Watseka it is said that the ministers of the various churches always consult their members in regard to progressive euchre engagements before making any church announcements for week day evenings.

John T. Raymond Coming.

Friday evening, April 2d, the renowned comedian, Mr. John T. Raymond will appear at the Opera House in his latest and highly successful comedy-drama, "The Magistrate." Mr. Raymond will be supported, as he always is, by a fine company. The sale of seats will begin Wednesday morning, the 31st, at Curtis & Bro.'s.

NEWTON CRAFTON was released from the Joliet state prison yesterday, after serving 14 years for the murder of Ebenezer Duff, at Taylorville He was sent up for life from Decatur but his sentence was reduced to 14 years by Gov. Cullom just before he retired from office. Crafton is known to have received about $1,000 in cash, contributions sent in by friends during his confinement. He is reported to be in Chicago to-day.

Whitmore Township.

Amount of taxes assessed, $10,585.76; amount collected, $9,357.54; amount delinquent, $1,228.22.

JAMES LICHTENBERGER, Collector.

The Chicago Grain Market.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at noon to-day:

Wheat— —— April; 79⅝ May; 81⅛ June.
Corn— 35⅜ March; 35⅜ April; 38⅝ May.
Oats—26¾ March; — April; 30¾ May.
Pork—$9.65 March; $9.65 April; $9.75 May.
Lard—$6.00 March; $6.05 May.

Mooney On Trial Again.

The third trial of Michael Mooney for the murder of his cellmate, Anderson, in the Joliet penitentiary, began at Waukegan yesterday. Mooney was sent up from Decatur for stealing a watch from a room in the old Rochester House. He will plead self-defense.

GRAIN IN STORE IN CHICAGO.

Weekly Statement, compiled from the books of the State Warehouse Registrar, showing the amount, in bushels, of each kind of grain in store in the Public Warehouses of Chicago at the close of business on

SATURDAY, March 20, 1886.

Kind of Grain.	Increase during week.	Decrease during week.	To Am't in store.	Am't in store same time last year.
Wheat..	.	84,707	14,128,803	15,810,904
Corn....	373,404	. ....	3,848,089	1,674,974
Oats....	30,257	...	406,177	543,563
Rye....	....	8,044	250,279	136,625
Barley..	....	13,306	123,616	88,792
Total....	403,661	106,117	18,846,964	18,254,861

Net increase during the week, 297,544 bushels.

J. W. BURST, Warehouse Registrar.

Devilish Burglars.

Form Wednesday's Daily.

The grocery store of L. B. C. Leffingwell, on West Green street, in the second ward, was entered by burglars bent on a mission of destruction. They broke in the glass of the front door, thus effecting an entrance. The vandals opened the butter chest, threw rolls of butter on the floor and on the sidewalk, emptied boxes of cigars, and then taking a can of peaches from a shelf, they used it to demolish fifteen dozen eggs in a box. So far as known no money or goods were taken

During the night the Canadian who sleeps at the rear of the store, saw a man approach Hedges Bros.' grocery store, on North Church street. He had a club in hand, and was in the act of smashing in one the windows in the glass door in the rear of Mr. Pratt's office, when he observed the Canadian, who was watching him from the inside. Then he fled. By the moonlight the Canadian saw that his visitor was a young man, 5 feet, 10 inches high, dark clothes, light mustache, and that he wore a slouch hat. There have been no arrests.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr James Leaton, of Jacksonville, is recovering from his attack of illness.

W. B. Chambers is home from an eastern trip in the interest of the C, B. & Q. works.

Mrs. D. E May, wife of Rev. May, is slowly recovering her strength. She has been seriously ill for a period of seven weeks.

Jacob Gerver, now in the city, is past 87 years of age, and will remain here on a visit to his brother and sons for an indefinite period.

Mr. and Mrs George S. Knight will go to Europe to spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs Andrew Dennis have departed for Hot Springs to be gone a month.

Harry Decker has signed with the base ball club at Macon, Ga., belonging to the southern league.

Lewis F. Miller, of Perry county, and Miss Lizzie W. Hardwick, of Blue Mound, have been granted a marriage license.

Dr. S. O. Ham and J. W. Ham departed last evening to take a look at the new towns in Kansas, with a view of picking out a location for a business enterprise.

Mrs. B. I. Sterrett and her sister left last night for Lewisberry, York county, Pa., called there by a telegram announcing the alarming illness of their aged mother, Mrs. Andrew Cline.

Harry B. Durfee is president of the league base ball club at Lincoln, Neb., and is now engaged in selecting crack players for the organization. Tom Henry, of Staunton, has applied for a position as catcher.

Mattoon *Gazette:* Rev. George Winston, an old local preacher of Decatur, has been conducting a protracted meeting at the A. M. E. church the past two weeks, and has awakened a lively interest, and there have been a number of conversions. He will remain over Sunday.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Mr. David C. Imboden, of Kansas City, son of Mr. and Mrs John Imboden, of Decatur, and Mrs. Katie E. Wooldridge, which will be celebrated in the Methodist church at Booneville, Mo., at high noon on Thursday, March 25th. The couple will visit the far west and return to Kansas City about May 1st.

Charles W. Battles, now at Salt Lake Lake City, sends us copies of Utah papers of the 17th, also the Clift House hotel card on the back of which is printed information to tourists as follows: Joseph Smith born Dec. 23, 1805; Mormon church established April 6, 1830; Utah settled by Mormons July 24, 1847; Tabernacle finished, 1867; seating capacity, 9,000; Brigham Young born June 1, 1801; died, August 29, 1877; population Salt Lake City, 25,000; Mountain Meadow massacre, Sept. 9, 1857; elevation of Great Salt Lake, 4,218 feet; length of lake, 90 miles; breadth, 40 miles.

DON'T go wandering about town. Save time by calling at Abel & Locke's at once. They keep a full line of household decorations, carpets and wall paper.

WHY WILL YOU cough when Shiloh's Cure will give immediate relief? Price 10 cts., 50 cts. and $1. Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling, druggists.

DIED.

In this city at 630 East Condit street, at 4 o'clock a. m. Monday, March 22, ALICE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McGonnigle, of teething, aged 4 months.

In this city, on March 22, at 4 a. m., of croup, at 230 South Broadway, ANNA BELL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ryan, aged 2 years, 11 months and 9 days.

HENRY FERRIS, of Ivesdale had a fine Norman colt taken with pleuro-pneumonia and pronounced lost, or dead, but he called Dr. Swayne, of Decatur, who has fetched him out all right.—*Champaign Herald.*

SHILOH'S CATARRH REMEDY—a positive cure for Catarrh, Diptheria and Canker Mouth. Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling.

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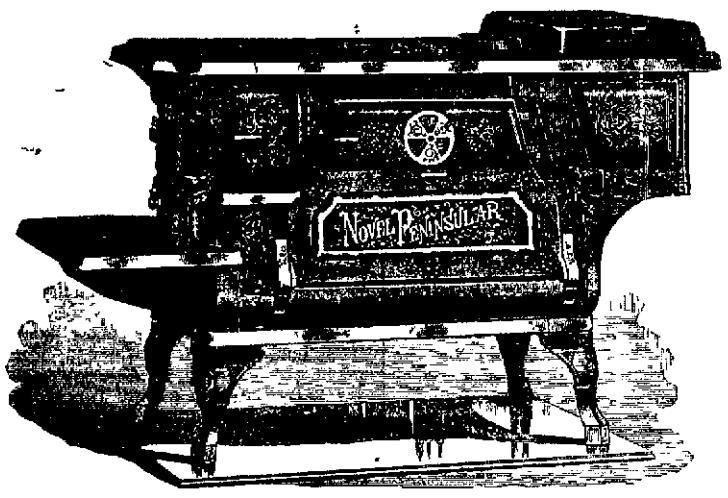

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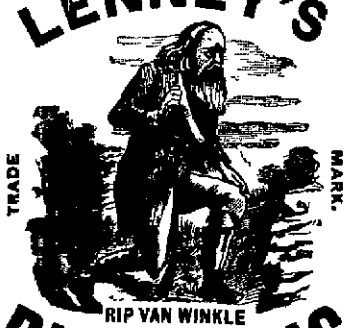

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IT ENRICHES THE SOIL.

Pat Clark and His Experience with Lime on Land—Big Crop.

Mr Patrick Clark, the well-known farmer west of Decatur is a man of original ideas and he always keeps up with the times. He came from New York state where the farmers use condemned lime in the soil to great advantage. He had had experience with the lime on the land there, and two years ago he decided to buy some to use on his place to make a test of the scheme. He set apart 10 acres of timber land, and procured 100 bushels of condemned lime at a greatly reduced price from Mr. David Martin, the Decatur lime merchant, and he put the lime on the land, giving 10 bushels to each acre. The lime kept the soil warm, kept the bugs and insects away, and as the land was sown in wheat that year it yielded an increase of 8 to 10 bushels to the acre over adjoining land on which no lime had been placed. Mr. Clark had no trouble at all with the 10 acres. The wheat seemed to flourish from the start. It was hardy and the grains were larger than from other fields. Mr. Clark planted the 10 acres in corn, and the entire field flourished through good and bad seasons, producing nearly 20 bushels to the acre more than the ground on which no lime was used. Specimens of the corn grown on the limed soil have been shown in the REPUBLICAN sanctum, and an ear is now in the office for inspection. Mr. Clark has demonstrated that air-slacked lime in the soil will produce better and greater crops. It is not an experiment. It is a success, and he cheerfully recommends that other farmers go and do likewise. Mr. Martin will no doubt supply farmers with condemned lime, suitable for the purpose, at moderate figures. His office is at the corner of Morgan and East Cerro Gordo streets.

OTHER TESTS.

Below we give additional tests with condemned lime, obtained from David Martin, this city:

In 1848 Mr. Law, who resides 4 miles south of Decatur, came to my kilns in Sangamon county, got a load of lime to check the progress of army worm on his meadow. Slacked and spread over while dew was on. Thirty-five years afterward he said he saw the effect of that lime for twenty years, and it was the most profitable investment he ever made.

Fifteen years ago E. Wade bought 100 bushels slacked lime, spread over his land, and next year his wheat yielded 15 bushels more to the acre. Recently he got a few more bushels for potatoes, and reports it a success—larger potatoes and better flavor.

Twelve years ago F. Aholtz had lime slack on his hands and hauling it on his cornfield it gave a result for the better that is apparent every year.

Mr G M Kizer, of Moawequa, Ill., had ten barrels of lime to slack unsold. Offering a farmer to take and spread it on land and take payment in the increase of the first year's crop. In 1884 it was 16 bushels of wheat.

For years the Furrow family, in Sangamon county, were in the habit of mixing ashes and slack lime around their apple trees as far as the branches spread, and the result was they had early and fine crops, and sometimes it was the only orchard that bore fruit in that locality.

Farmers, feed your land, and it will feed you. I am prepared to give low prices on slack lime in car lots; also Land Plaster.

Correspondence solicited.

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SENATOR PUGH may be a very nice sort of man, but in debate he should take some one of his size—a size, by the way, much less than that of the Vermont Senator.

SECRETARY MANNING is said to be more willing to give official information than any other member of the Cabinet.

MISS SUSAN B. ANTHONY asserts that twenty six members of the United States Senate are in favor of woman suffrage.

J G STARR & SON will sell you a good serviceable heavy buggy or road cart harness for $8 50. oct8-wtf

CALL at Spencer, Lehman & Co.'s for the Moline Broadcast Seeder. F18-wtf

EUROPEAN papers remark upon the good imitation of celluloid now manufactured from potatoes.

THE prospects for a greatly increased yield of bullion from Colorado in 1886 are said to be very promising.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS SALA, the English correspondent, is now in India on his way back to England.

NEWS AROUND HOME.

Personal and Other Items of General Interest Boiled Down.

The Jacksonville Republican city convention will be held Tuesday, March 30, to nominate candidates for mayor, clerk and marshal, to be voted for at the city election, April 5th.

Danville shippers met Wednesday night to consider the question of freight rates and the railroad pool.

The Odd Fellows of Champaign will celebrate April 26th. Hon. Alfred Orendorff, of Springfield, will be the orator.

E. B. Hale, of Cleveland, Ohio, pays a tax of $1,182.67 this year in Piatt county. He pays taxes on twenty-seven hundred and sixty acres of land. Mr. Hale pays a heavy tax on land he owns in Macon county.

The question of voting a tax of ten cents on $100 to erect a soldiers' monument at Pontiac, Livingston county, will be an issue at the April election.

Dick Washington, a colored man well known in Mattoon, was arrested at Shelbyville and taken to Champaign where he and a white man had robbed another of $110.

Edward Bowman, of Lincoln, separated from his wife many years ago and married another woman. After living with his second wife for some years he secured a divorce from her. A few days ago he was again married to his first wife. He is 71 years old and his new wife is 62.

The billiard halls and saloons of Mattoon have been nearly ruined by the protracted religious revival now in progress in that city. Theatrical troupes flee from the place in disgust. The meetings have been going on for several weeks and many hundreds have been converted.

Monticello *Herald:* S Cole & Co., on last Monday, sold their Norman stallion, Montezuma, to McGuire & Large, of Taylorville, Illinois, who represented a company of farmers there, for $2,500. Montezuma is a five-year old, having been bought by S. Cole & Co of M. W. Dunham, three years ago, and is considered a superior animal.

The Coles county board of supervisors, having refused to pay to Mattoon justices costs in state cases where convictions do not follow in courts of record, the five magistrates of the town have agreed not to hear state cases. A young man arrested for highway robbery was recently taken to each of the justice courts in turn without a hearing being granted him. Late in the evening, however, one of the justices consented to approve a bond securing the prisoner's attendance at the criminal court.

A Request.

V. H Parke would most respectfully request the farmers of Macon and adjoining counties that want to buy Farm Machinery, to call and see his stock and get his prices on Implements before they buy, as he knows he can sell cheaper than they can buy elsewhere.

North of New Deming Hotel, next to the Tabernacle.

DOUBTLESS the President has had mumps, chicken pox and whooping-cough, but there are other diseases that whoop a fellow up a good deal worse, and when Senator Jones gets back the President would do well to quarantine the White House against him. There have been repeated instances showing contagion in such cases. We speak of the matter in a friendly way because it is plain that the President is going to need all the stiffening in his back-bone for the emergencies of the next three years. People are not cold-blooded and they would not object to seeing the President have as bad an attack as Jones if he had the time to nurse it.

Coughs and Colds.

At this season nearly every one "takes a cold." King of Oils will promptly relieve it as well as catarrh, diphtheria, rheumatism, burns, frostbites, etc. Give it a trial—only 25 cents. Prepared only by Dr. H. O Chapman & Son, Taylorville, Ill. Sold in Decatur by Dr. A J Stoner and W. C. Armstrong. d&wly

YOU can buy a good nickel or Davis rubber mounted strap harness, with leather lined gig saddle for $11, of J. G. Starr & Son. The trimmings on this harness will not rust oct8-wtf

AT Penobscot, Me., a poster announing a church festival had this postscript: "No flirting allowed."

WE carry the largest and best selected stock of Farm Machinery of any house in Central Illinois. Farmers, call and examine our stock before you make your purchases. SPENCER, LEHMAN & Co. Feb18-wtf

THE Comstock lode has been worked to a depth of 3,200 feet and has produced about $350,000,000.

EX PRESIDENT ARTHUR was worth $100,000 when he went into the White House. His estate to date is valued at only $75,000.

ITCH, *Prairie Mange and Scratches*, of every kind cured in 30 minutes by *Woolford's Sanitary Lotion*. Use no other. This never fails. Sold by W. C Armstrong and A J. Stoner, Druggists, Decatur, Ill. March 11 wly

THE new Mexican veteran pension bill provides for the pensioning of about 50,000 persons.

THE celebrated New Deal Wheel Walking Plow. It is the lightest draft and the best plow out. For sale by Spencer, Lehman & Co. Feb18-wtf

QUEEN VICTORIA'S yacht, Osborne, is to be given $20,000 worth of repairs.

NEW YORK *Tribune:* Economy is an excellent thing, but it seldom pays either individuals or nations to be too small in money matters. Yet the present Administration apparently considers a penny-wise policy admirable, and does not hesitate to follow it. The Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans was suspended on September 12, but he managed the office until his successor appeared on November 14. Had he done otherwise the office would have been left without a head. The Comptroller of the Treasury says, however, that no salary can be paid after September 12. The Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco has received similar treatment for serving from May 20 to August 4. Certain bills for assistance given to Americans in distress in foreign ports by American consuls are also refused payment by the Comptroller. If Mr. Durham or Mr Manning thinks this sort of thing commends itself and them to the American people they make a great mistake. It is to be hoped that Congress will do justice to these faithful officers when the deficiency bill is considered.

CREDIT is due the German women and physicians for first using Red Clover blossoms as a medicine. Best results are obtained when combined with other medical roots and herbs, as in Dr. Jones' Red Clover Tonic, which is the best known remedy for all blood diseases, stomach and liver troubles, pimples, costiveness, bad breath, piles, ague and malaria diseases, indigestion, loss of appetite, low spirits, headache and all diseases of the kidneys. Price 50 cents, of Dr. A. J. Stoner. 3

THE New York carpenters have been successful in their strike. This was to be expected, as the men had such a plane case.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., has a particularly criminal section known as "Hell's Half Acre." Strangers sometimes, judging from the name, form the erroneous impression that this is the only property in the city owned by the lurid proprietor.

THE best on earth, can truly be said of Griggs' Glycerine Salve, which is a sure, safe and speedy cure for cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, wounds and all other sores. Will positively cure piles, tetter and all skin eruptions. Try this wonder healer. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Only 25 cents. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner. 1.

THE Iowa Legislature has passed a bill providing for the prompt transmission and delivery of telegraph messages. We now look to see the telegraph messenger boys go out on a strike.

CONGRESSMAN LITTLE wants the *Congressional Record* abolished. Next thing we know, some one will be making war on the National cemeteries.

The Prettiest Lady in Decatur

Remarked to a friend the other day that she knew Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs was a superior remedy, as it stopped her cough instantly when others had no effect whatever. So to prove this Dr. A. J. Stoner, druggist, No. 14 south side new square, will guarantee it to all. Price 50 cents and $1. *Trial size free.* b2

ANNA DICKINSON still contemplates returning to the stage, and is negotiating with London managers to that end.

THE friends of cremation have established an organ at Lancaster called the *Modern Crematist*, published every month in the interest of "reform of funeral methods."

FRED DOUGLASS now says the President asked for his resignation.

CALL on Spencer, Lehman & Co., when you want to make a purchase of the best Wind Engine out. It is the Iron Turbine. d&wtf

MEN'S Shoes at $2—Button, Congress and Lace. No seam in side. 8-d&wtf J. H. BLACK & SON.

AN elegant line of Spring Overcoats at B. STINE'S.

A NEW YORK newspaper announces that "Jake Sharpe will retire from active business." It would seem as if this would be short sighted as long as there is any doubt about "the high water mark circulation" of certain New York newspapers. No man has given public exhibition of more complete qualifications for that class of work, as it is done in New York.

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THE Chinese Emperor, Kuang-Su, is looking over a large lot of pretty Manchu girls for a wife.

WHERE there's a will there's a way—to break it.

ELABORATE preparations are being made in Boston for the Thackeray festival next month.

LADIES' Kid Shoes from $1 50 to $2.00. 8 d&wtf J. H. BLACK & SON.

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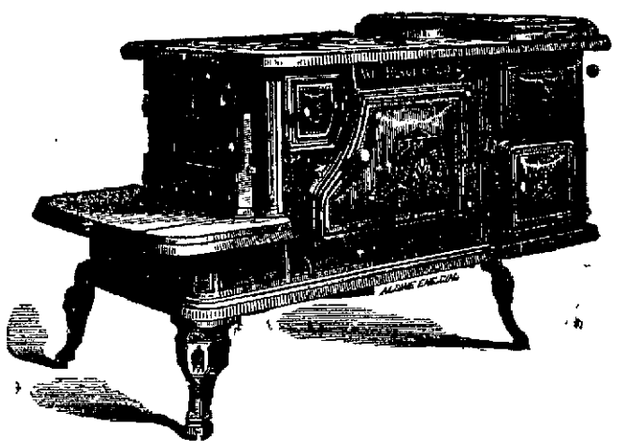

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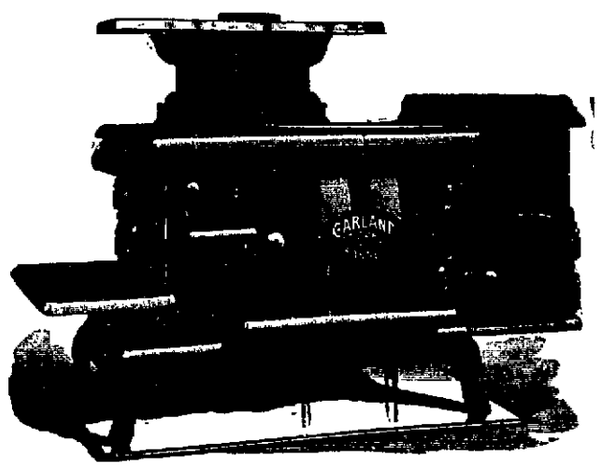

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LOCAL NEWS.

TALMAGE got $250 for visiting Decatur. He drew like a circus.

JOHN ULLRICH has invested in a $1,000 Polled Angus bull for his farm near Lovington.

R. W. KARRICK has sold three lots on North Union street to D. W. Breneman for $900

WITHIN three days M. P. Murphey has secured about 35 subscribers for Grant's Personal Memoirs, in and about Decatur.

THE meeting of Methodist ministers of the Decatur district will be held at Illiopolis the latter part of the present month Bishop Bowman will be present.

IF you wish to save your children's stockings from wearing out at the knee, get a pair of Powers & Haworth's Kid Protectors mar19-d&wtf

CANDIDATES for county offices are beginning to feel the pulses of the voters. They think it best to begin early, so as not to get left in the race.

No trouble to show goods at Abel & Locke's store. House-cleaning time is at hand. Get the wall paper you want at this carpet house.

WAYNE DOWNING will build a dwelling for himself in A. E. Kinney's new addition in the vicinity of Oakland Park. He paid $700 for lot 11 in block 4

THE Barnum and London circus is booked to appear at Jacksonville on August 5th; the Doris show on April 30th.

YESTERDAY afternoon John A. Brown sold at master's sale the Reif 40 acres of land one mile east of the Union depot. Jacob Kessler paid $2295 for 36½ acres, and J. R. Race $113 for 2½ acres.

MEN'S Shoes, in Button, Lace and Congress, whole cut, for $2.00, at Barber & Baker's mar19-d&wtf

NORA BADENHAUSEN has sold to Wm. M. Brown lot 1 and five feet off east side lot 2, block 4, R. J. Gatling's Addition; consideration, $800. Sale made through the agency of G. W. Handy.

TO DAY the Telephone Company commenced stringing the wire from Decatur to the poor farm, five miles north, to connect the poor farm with the exchange by telephone. The expense to the county will be $96 a year.

A GENTLEMAN who lives near Sulphur Springs, in Mt. Zion township, desires us to say that the fellows who go around the country shooting on Sunday had better stop it, as the next grand jury may have something to say about it.

GOV. OGLESBY has offered the statutory reward of $200 for the arrest and conviction of each of the murderers of Kellogg Nichols, the Rock Island express messenger. The murderers are still at large. Reports to-day only give theories—nothing new.

THE Presbyterian trustees have selected the Dr. Walters property, on the corner of West North and Church streets, upon which to erect a new church. The consideration was $4,500. A costly edifice will be erected, but probably not until next year.

THE election this fall is one of much importance in Illinios. The state ticket will consist of candidates for treasurer and superintendent of public instruction; and district tickets of congressmen and members of the legislature; the county tickets of county judges, county clerks, sheriffs, county superintendents of schools, county treasurers and county surveyors.

ANDREW SHORMAKER declares that he is not and has not been a candidate for supervisor on the Labor Ticket; and so says Holman, put up for assessor; ditto, W. T. Stamper, put up for collector, and Isaac Rogan, for justice. The committee met last night. They will have to make some additions to the ticket

CAPT BOGARDUS and his sons, of Elkhart, Logan county, the celebrated marksmen, will travel with Forepaugh's circus the coming season, opening at Philadelphia April 12. The Captain leaves this week for the Indian Territory to secure half a dozen Indians, two or three cowboys and several bucking ponies.

FOR downright meanness this from the Lincoln *Herald* is the worst: "William Barnes, whose brother lay dead at the time, received three dollars on Saturday toward funeral expenses, but instead of applying it for that purpose got drunk. If there is anything mean that the appetite for drink will not induce a man to do it is yet to be reported."

THE people of Tuscola on the evening of the 30th are to have the privilege of being entertained at the opera house in that city by Miss Ada Edwards, Miss Kittie Baker, Miss Stella B. Hadden, Prof. Olof Bull and Mr. Arthur Alexander, of Decatur. We can guarantee the Tuscola people a rare musical treat on the 30th.

C. J. OFF, of Peoria, has bought the Z. Boughn property in Illini township, 2,000 acres of land, town lots in Warrensburg, grain elevator and other property, for $120,000. Mr. Boughn gets about $75,000 in cash, a cattle ranch of 1200 acres in Nebraska, and a lot of stock. It was a monster transfer. Mr. Boughn will remove to Nebraska with his family.

A NEW lot of Women's 50-cent Kid Toe Slippers, just received, at Barber & Baker's. mar19-d&wtf

MEN'S Gum Boots, best quality, from $2.00 to $2.50. J. H. BLACK & SON. 8-d&wtf

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"TONY ALMONT" GOES TO KANSAS.

A Splendid Roadster Stallion for the West Taken Out of Macon County.

A few days ago Messrs. J L Seitz and Jacob Seitz, former residents of this county, arrived in Decatur from their home in McPherson county, Kansas, in quest of a thoroughbred roadster stallion. They made their selection from the stable of S. Powers & Son, whose reputation throughout the country for experienced and careful breeding is well known. The stallion purchased by the Seitz brothers was the magnificent five-year old Hambletonian,

"TONY ALMONT,"

a splendid looking dark brown horse, weighing 1200 pounds, for which $1,000 was paid to Theron Powers. Tony Almont was sired by Mammont, a full brother of Piedmont (record 2:17¼;) he by Almont, son of Alexander Abdallah, and his dam was Mag Ferguson, by Membrino Chief; dam Pauline, by Imported Billet. In the selection of "Tony Almont," the purchasers make an important addition to the list of thoroughbred roadster stallions in Kansas, and Seitz Bros. leave to day for their home in the west with the proud satisfaction of having one of the best Hambletonians to be found in any part of the country.

A Notable Gathering.

From Friday's Daily.

There was a pleasant family reunion last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Leforgee, on West North street. It was in the nature of a dinner party, given in honor of the 45th marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D W. Lister, who lately came here from their old home in Poplar Plains, Ky., and the party was made the occasion of a reunion of the Leforgee family, descendants of A. Leforgee, a veteran of the war of 1846, who died in 1880, at the advanced age of eighty years, his wife dying in 1876, aged seventy-six years. All of the surviving descendants, thirty-one in number, were present at the gathering last evening, and all were well entertained by the host and hostess. Mrs. Lister received a large number of gifts from her brothers, nephews and nieces.

Sudden Death at Oreana.

Andrew Moothart, a well-known and highly respected farmer residing near Oreana, died this (Thursday) morning at four o'clock, at the age of 50 years. The cause of his death was a severe and sudden attack of cramp colic. Mr. Moothart was in the city a few days ago, apparently in his usual good health and was then attending to business as administrator of the estate of the late Andrew Zorger. Deceased was a native of Ohio, and had lived in this county thirty years. He leaves a widow, and three children by his first wife. He death leaves four widows, heirs to the property of Mr. Zorger.

Carleton's Confession.

The Rev. Dr. Carleton confessed at Shelbyville Tuesday night that his proper name is Jonathan Edward Bell. He was ordained at New London, Conn., in 1866, and during his pastorate in the Baptist church there dissensions in the congregation led to his espousal of the side of one faction. This fact made him enemies, who have followed him ever since, and who have, he said, wrecked his career. On the other hand, reports from Chardon, Ohio, are not favorable to Mr. Bell, whose case was specially considered Tuesday by the Plymouth Rock Conference, which refused him a letter of dismissal, owing to the fact that Mr. Bell's papers, purporting to have been issued by the Chatham (Ont.) Presbytery, were forgeries.

Not a Candidate.

EDS. REPUBLICAN:—My name has been placed on the Labor Ticket, for assessor, without my previous knowledge and consent. I am not a candidate, and I positively decline to run for the office.

WM. A. HOLMAN.

A Provident Act.

On the 18th of February Mr. Andrew Moothart, of Whitmore township, took out a policy for $2,000 in the Home Life Insurance Co., of New York, through the agency of A. H. Hughes, of this city. On the 17th of March he died, and the beneficiary of the policy will receive $2,000, on which but a single premium was paid.

The Cemetery Officers.

There was scarcely any interest taken in the election of officers of Greenwood Cemetery, which occurred yesterday afternoon at the county clerk's office. The clerks in charge of the records and ballot box were J W. Baker and Seymour Campbell Whole number of votes cast, 60. The following were elected without opposition, only lot owners being permitted to vote:

President—J. R Miller
Sec'y and Treas—R. R. Montgomery.
Directors—C. A. Ewing, W. B. Chambers and L. Burrows.

HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE ARRIVAL.

Elegant IMPORTED CLOAKS and JERSEYS to be opened at great bargains on Monday. LINN & SCRUGGS. mar19-tf

CHILDREN'S School Shoes, all kinds, at Barber & Baker's. mar19-d&wtf

NOVELTIES in Neck Wear just received at B. Stine's.

SHAWLS—Imported Camel's Hair and India, just received, at LINN & SCRUGGS'. sept9-d&wtf

CHILDREN'S Shoes, all styles and all prices from 25c to $2.50. 8-d&wtf J. H. BLACK & SON.

Humphrey in Decatur.

Michael Humphrey, one of the suspects in connection with the Rock Island Express messenger murder and robbery, formerly resided in Decatur. He has been located at the Grape Creek mine, near Danville, where he makes affidavit that he was employed the night of the robbery. Humphrey worked in the Decatur mine up to 1883 when he opened a saloon near the shaft on Jasper street. Marshal Mason had him arrested for selling liquor on Sunday, and a jury in Justice Curtis' court found him guilty on six counts. He was fined $150 and costs, over $200, and the grand jury indicted him for violating the liquor law. He was not arrested as he skipped out and was not heard of again until yesterday. His fine was not paid, but the city has good security for the amount, which will be collected in a few days. While Humphrey was running the saloon John Connors stole a suit of clothes from the barkeeper and fled to Joliet where he was captured by Marshal Mason. He was brought here and sent up for two years. The officers say Humphrey was not disposed to give much information about Connors, and when the young man was caught he informed Mason that he knew enough about Humphrey's record in Joliet and Chicago to land him in the penitentiary, but he would not squeal.

Death of David J. Cloyd.

From Saturday's Daily.

David J. Cloyd, who has lived in Decatur since 1865, died this morning at 8:35 o'clock at the family residence on South Water street in the 69th year of his age. Mr. Cloyd was bedfast for three months with stricture of the bowels, being unable to retain any nourishment whatever. He was born near Lancaster, Garrard county, Ky., in August, 1817, and with his father went to Indiana, where the family remained a few years, returning to Kentucky and residing there until 1852, when the deceased moved to a point near Louisiana, Mo., coming to Decatur in 1865, and here he has resided ever since. He leaves a widow and five children, J. G. Cloyd and D. Holmes Cloyd, of this city, Judge W. G Cloyd, of Piatt county, Mrs. Joseph Gates, of Orlando, Florida, and Miss Maggie Cloyd. The deceased was a member of the Christian church, and was a quiet worthy citizen, a man who loved his home, and in health spent his time in, looking after his farm near the city.

County Fairs.

C. M. Durfee, secretary of the old county fair board, is in receipt of dates of holding county fairs this year in different parts of the state. The list comes from Secretary Mills, of the state board. Fairs will be held in Coles county, at Charleston, Sept. 7-11; in Edgar, at Paris, Sept. 5-9; in DeWitt, at Farmer City, August 31 to Sept. 3; in Logan, at Lincoln, August 30 to Sept. 3; at Atlanta, Sept. 7 to 10; in McLean, at Bloomington, August 31 to Sept 3; in Piatt, at Monticello, 16-20; in Shelbyville, at Shelbyville, Sept. 14-18. Secretary Durfee was compelled to report that the date of the Macon county fair—if one is to be held, has not yet been fixed.

Bought a Farm.

David F. Hamsher, of this city, has purchased the Lindley F. Rowland farm of 160 acres, in Harristown township. It is the southwest quarter of section 1, town 16, range 1 east of the 3d P. M., two miles northeast of the town, and is considered one of the best farms in the county. The consideration was $7,500 F. A. Leforgee making the sale for Mr. Rowland, who lives in Will county.

WE have received a copy of the *Sporting Man's Companion*, published by Richard K. Fox, of New York. It is neatly bound in a handsome illuminated cover, contains portraits of prominent athletes, pugilists, jockeys, actors and actresses. There are 230 pages of interesting sporting information, racing statistics, prize ring chronology, fast time at all styles of going, base ball records and averages, and it is undoubtedly the best book of its kind ever issued in America, and one that was needed by every sporting man. Everyone who takes an interest in sporting matters and athletics will secure a copy. The *Sporting Man's Companion* can be had from any newsdealer.

COUNT LAWOSKI, a native of Warsaw, Poland, who was with the great Napoleon at Austerlitz in 1813 and at Waterloo in 1815, paid us a call this afternoon. He was banished to Siberia, but escaped. The Count fought with the French in various wars in Europe, and was banished to America with Kossuth and 500 others in 1851. The Count will be 95 years old on July 4th, and in appearance resembles Jefferson's Rip Van Winkle. He is a veteran of the late Rebellion, serving bravely 3 years and 9 months as captain in the 101 Pennsylvania Regiment, light artillery, serving under Seigel. The old man has been an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Milwaukee and is now on his way to Washington City. Last night he was taken in charge by Officer Hewes and to-day he was released by Marshal Mason.

THE best $3.00 Shoes for Gents in the city, at Barber & Baker's. 19-d&wtf

THE Best Goods for the Least Money, at LINN & SCRUGGS.

THE best fitting Shirt made (Wilson Bros.) in stock at Stine's.

THE Champion and Myres Force Pumps are the best force pumps made. For sale by Spencer, Lehman & Co. Feb 17-d&wtf

The Poultry Association.

From Saturday's Daily.

There was a large attendance of city and county breeders of fine chickens at the Grand jury room last night, when the organization of the Macon County Poultry Breeders' Association was perfected by the adoption of constitution and by-laws, and the election of permanent officers as follows:

President—A. T. Hill.

Secretary and treasurer—Randolph J. Simpson.

Vice presidents—Geo. P. Hardy, Decatur; James Hankins, Maroa; J. N. Hill, Oreana; O A Hall, Niantic; Dr. J. G. Hervey, Blue Mound.

Executive board—A. T. Hill, president; Geo. P. Hardy, vice-president; R. J. Simpson, secretary. The other members of the board are E P Bartholomew, L. F. Skelly, Theo. K. Bobb and H. W. Hill.

It was decided to hold a big poultry exhibition in Decatur the first week in January, and the executive board selected B. N. Pierce, of Indianapolis, to serve as judge on that occasion. There are nearly 50 members of the association, all breeders of fine chicks.

Decatur in Her Infancy—1832.

On Sunday evening of March 18, 1832, fifty-four years ago, I landed in Decatur on horseback. Its inhabitants at that time consisted of about one dozen families, namely—David L. Allen, P. D. Williams, Luther Hunting, Thos. Cowen, James Renshaw, Isaac C. Pugh, Dr. Goren, Landy Herrald, Thomas Johnson Packard's family (he having died the year before), and Daniel McCall, who held nearly every office in the county of Macon. At one time he was county clerk, circuit clerk, recorder, county judge, and postmaster, and I have heard it said of him, he has been known to put all the letters in the office in his hat and go to the Sangamon to fish. Decatur has now about 14000 inhabitants.

S C. ALLEN.

DECATUR, March 19, 1886.

The Warrensburg Safe Robbery.

There are no tidings of the burglars who blew open the small iron safe in Ritchie & Stahl's general store at Warrensburg Friday morning at about 2 o'clock, and got away with about $400 in cash and a revolver, besides some papers of value. The postoffice is located in the store and about $100 of the cash taken was government money. There were two government postoffice inspectors in the village that night, and they were greatly worked up yesterday over the robbery. They offered a reward of $100 for the arrest of the burglars. For several days two well-dressed young strangers were in Warrensburg masquerading as insurance agents. They paid their bill Thursday noon and suddenly disappeared. They are suspected of the crime, but as yet they have not been located.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Joseph C. Vaughn and Miss Emma Lualles, of Maroa, were granted a marriage license to-day.

C. S. Hankins will travel for L. L. Ferriss & Co., Chicago, wholesale boot and shoe dealers.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, on West Decatur street, March 19, a daughter.

A. M. Logan and Miles Peck have left Cerro Gordo for Dakota to take charge of Fred Norman's farm.

Bob Hill, of Boody, and H. C. Mowry, of Forsyth, are spoken of by democrats as suitable candidates for legislative preferment.

'Squire Joseph Jones, of Maroa, who has been confined to his bed for six months, and was thought at one time to be dead, visited Decatur to-day, the first time since last July. He is slowly gaining health and strength. He paid us a call to-day and renewed his subscription to the REPUBLICAN.

Lincoln *Journal:* Richard Henry, pit boss of the Decatur coal mine, is hereby notified that the golden eagle intended for the *Journal* reached the till all right. We are told Dick stands high with his company, has a snug home, happy family, clear conscience and salary sufficient to enjoy life. Success to you, Dick. He prefers Decatur to half a dozen Lincolns. We are sorry for this for he was a good citizen.

New Era: Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Huff took their leave of Cerro Gordo Monday morning for their new home at Decatur. We are loth to part with such good citizens and can only wish them well in their new location. Mr. Huff still retains his business interests here. He has secured a paying position in a lumber yard at Decatur and one that promises better things in future

Buy a Remington Typewriter.

The Decatur agent for the sale of the STANDARD Remington Typewriter can be found any time at the REPUBLICAN office. The Remington is the perfect machine, solidly built, alignments always perfect, any style of type you want. Call at REPUBLICAN office for descriptive circulars. John Young, Decatur agent. d14-d&wtf

MARRIED.

In this city, March 17, at 7 o'clock p. m. by Rev. W. H. Prestley, MR. EDWARD LEECH and MISS MATTIE S. MAYNE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mayne, of Long Creek township.

The ceremony was performed at the new home of the couple, No. 223 West Main street, and was witnessed by a company of about 40 friends, and after the congratulations a splendid supper was served. The attendants were Miss Mollie Leech and Will S. Forbes. Numerous useful and beautiful gifts were presented the happy bride. The groom is an efficient member of the paid fire department. The REPUBLICAN extends its congratulations.

In this city by Rev. T. W. Pinkerton, March 17, MR. GEO. W. HALL, of Philadelphia, and MISS MARY A. MCGLASSEN, of Decatur.

DIED.

At 938 North College street, March 19, at 6 a. m., ABRAM CONKLING, aged 75 years.

The deceased leaves a widow.

At the family residence, on North Clayton street, March 20, of puerperal fever, MRS. I. S. CLARK, aged 38 years.

The deceased leaves a husband and six children, the youngest a girl, 6 days old.

NEWSPAPERARCHIVE®

The Weekly Republican.

Entered at the post office at Decatur, Illinois as second class mail matter.

The Township Convention.

In another column will be found the call for a Republican convention to nominate candidates for township officers. It will be observed that the representation is fixed upon the old basis of a year ago, and the delegations will therefore be five in number—one from each of the old five voting districts. The fact that no election has been held since the township was divided into ten districts will readily suggest the impossibility of fixing the representation upon any other basis. Hereafter there will be an organization conforming to the new division.

Let every Republican in the township attend the primary in his proper district, so as to send up delegations that will truly represent the wishes of the majority.

THE Mikado of Japan has signified his intention of contributing $500 to the Grant monument fund in New York as a token of his respect for General Grant, and has ordered the amount forwarded to the President of the committee.

THE Philadelphia *Press* has, it seems, got pretty near to the true inwardness of the Oberly appointment. It says: "The appointment of Oberly is regarded as a notification to politicians that the President has abandoned civil service reform and turned the commission over to men who will strangle it"

THE first Congressional election this year will be held in Oregon, on the 7th of June, when state officers will also be elected. It will probably go Republican, as it elected a Republican Congressman in 1884, and gave Blaine a plurality of 2,256 the following fall.

EXPERIENCE is against woman suffrage. In Wyoming Territory, where it was established by law, it has fallen into almost entire disuse. In Washington Territory, where it carries with it the right to sit on juries, hardened criminals who can assume a pathetic and romantic appearance, are always acquitted.

PHILADELPHIA *Times*: A proposition is going the rounds to celebrate the centennial of the Constitution of the United States by holding a convention to revise it and propose amendments. What this country needs worse than that, however, is a revision of the men elected to pass laws to carry the Constitution into effect.

GATH is giving the Cincinnati *Enquirer* Democratic reform doctrine with a vengeance. He finishes an article upon the South with the remark: "Had there been no Jefferson there would have been no Calhoun; had there been no Calhoun there would have been no Jefferson Davis. The South wants truth, literature and a crematory."

Says a St. Louis Knight of Labor.

We will leave a sufficient force of men upon the roads to run the mail-trains and a few accommodation trains, but not a wheel of a single freight-car shall be turned until the Knights of Labor are recognized. If this shall fail to force the company to recognize us, the strike will then be extended to all Eastern and Southern roads, embracing the entire country; and, if it comes to the worst, the strike will be made to embrace every large manufactory and every extensive business interest in the country.

Before such a state of affairs comes to pass the *people*, who govern this country still, notwithstanding the great assumptions of the Knights of Labor, will in all probability have something to say in the matter, and any organization which stands in the way will find itself pulverized in very short order.

THE New Orleans *Times Democrat* is in a good position to have the actual facts relative to the Carrollton, Miss., massacre, and editorially says: "The honor of Mississippi and of the South demands that the matter be judicially investigated at once, and the law vindicated by the punishment of those engaged in this slaughter. The murder of human beings in this barbarous fashion can not be tolerated nor condoned We believe every intelligent citizen of Mississippi will join with us in this view of the case, and in denouncing this almost unparalleled slaughter."

The Mackin Case.

The Supreme Court of the United States yesterday rendered a decision in the celebrated Mackin-Gallagher cases, to the effect that the crimes charged upon the defendants, and of which they were convicted, come within the category of "infamous crimes," and can therefore only be tried upon the presentment of a grand jury. The defendants, it will be remembered, were tried upon "information." This decision will in no way affect the case under which Mackin is now serving a term at Joliet, that being for perjury, tried in the state courts, and the supreme court of Illinois having refused him a new hearing he is good for a five years' residence at the state's retreat for criminals. The federal cases, for tampering with election returns, will come up before the next grand jury, unless the district attorney chooses to drop the proceedings.

THE opinion of James C. Mathews, of Albany, N. Y., on the subject of the massacre in Carrollton, Miss., would now be of interest. Mr. Matthews is said to be a colored man of ability and culture, who has "always been a Democrat." He was recently appointed by President Cleveland to succeed Fred Douglass as Recorder of Deeds in the District of Columbia. Still, if he has "always been a Democrat" in spite of such wholesale massacres of colored people as those that occurred at Hamburg, S. C., at Danville, Va., and in Copiah county, Miss, the little affair at Carrollton would not, probably, cause any alarm in his party belongings.

NEW YORK *Tribune*: Accordingly, leading free traders now advise Mr. Morrison, as he once abandoned his free list and stuck to his tariff, in this case to abandon his tariff and stick to his free list, but they want wool added to that list. Mr Morrison could insure the defeat of his measure in that way as surely as in any other.

THE Kentucky Legislature has before it a bill to prohibit boycotting. It provides that "any two or more persons who shall band themselves together to prevent any company or corporation from transacting its lawful business shall be punished with a heavy fine or be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than a year." A petition favorable to the passage of the bill has received an immense number of signatures at Louisville and in other parts of the State. Its supporters declare that while a man has, of course, the right to quit work, he has no right to conspire and combine with others to enforce idleness on those who want to work.

Located at Springfield.

The commissioners appointed to select suitable grounds to be used by the Illinois National Guards as a permanent state encampment grounds, reported to Governor Oglesby last evening, recommending that they had agreed upon Springfield as the most available point. The grounds are located upon a tract of 160 acres in the northwest part of the city, near the Lincoln monument. These grounds cost the Springfield citizens $4,300, nearly all of which has been subscribed and the rest must be raised at once. The state encampment of the National Guards will bring 6,000 militiamen of the state to the capital for a week or more in each year, besides thousands of visitors.

WASHINGTON *Hatchet*: Secretary Chase was not originally a profane man. He learned how to swear after he went into Lincoln's Cabnet. One day, after he had delivered himself rather vigorously, Lincoln said to him: "Mr. Chase, are you an Episcopalian?" "Why do you ask?" was the somewhat surprised counter-question. "O, just out of curiosity," replied Lincoln. "Seward is an Episcopalian, and I had noticed that you and he swore in much the same manner."

J. A. HOLLISTER, night yard master for the Wabash at Danville, has just received information through Gen. Sherman that will put him in possession of an estate valued at $40,000. His father, David H Hollister, invested in property in Milwaukee, and went to California where he was murdered on a sheep ranch. He placed his notes and mortgages in a bank. J. A. read Grant's memoirs and thus learned that Gen Sherman was in California where David Hollister lived then. Both came from Ohio, and the son presuming that they had met and that the General had received knowledge of the murdered man's affairs, the son wrote the General and got information which puts him on the road to gain possession of the fortune, of which he has been deprived since 1853.

TOWNSHIP POLITICS.

The Republican Primaries to be Held on Thursday, April 1st.

The Republican voters of Decatur township should bear in mind the fact that the call for the nominating convention to be held on the evening of April 2d, at the court house, appears in another column. The primaries will be held on the preceding evening, April 1st, at the old voting places—Neptune hose house, 17 delegates to be selected; Council Rooms, 17 delegates; Third Ward hose house, 14 delegates; Sheriff's office, 13 delegates; and No. 2 hose house, on Eldorado street, 9 delegates—making a total of 70 delegates.

The new voting places comprise ten districts, but inasmuch as there is no basis of representation under the new law regulating the new districts, the representation will remain the same as a year ago. After the coming election, which will be held on April 6th, the primaries can be held in each of the 10 districts.

At the present writing there promises to be some lively competition in the "combination" against the straight Republican ticket, no matter who may be nominated, and in view of this self evident fact, every Republican should make it a point to come out and help do his part at the primary meetings, and then vote her straight on election day.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the postoffice at Decatur, Macon county, Ill., for week ending March 24, 1886:

Bacon Elder H	Mills J B 2
Buckmaster H	Meyers John H
Brown Mrs N	Mason Lulu
Chapman John A	Morgan Miss L G
Coon L H	Matheson Miss Fannie
Carter L S	Mann W A
Cites Mrs Mary	McDonell Emma
Dawson Miss Allie	McCann E
DeSolla Mrs H J	McCoy Mrs Geo
Ford P	McReynolds Geo
Funk Miss Rosa	Nere John
Gogan Archie	Nipples Rev W W
Gepford Miss Annie	Pilchard Miss Cora
Gardner A J	Putnam C H
Garver Lizzie D	Patterson J M
Harner Elmer	Pease Miss Hettie
Harrigan Mrs J I	Record Carrie
Hunter Mrs Mary J	Register Miss C L
Henry R M	Russell Mrs E A
Staff rd Mrs Sarah M	Richards R G
Holland Tana 2	Rusel Mrs Morie
Hamilton Wm	Robens Wm R
Herbert Wm	Simpson Philo R
Jordan Fannie	Snyder Fred
Johnston J A	Stivers Joseph
Johnson R W	Smith Luke
Kase Adolph	Stickle Mrs Katie
Kern Clem	Stein Miss Sarah
Kost Miss Mary	Smith W M
Lahey G W	Timmons D
Morris Mrs Clara	Thompson W R
Miller E J	Underwood Miss Mary
Morgan Miss Haris	Villeber Gack
Williams Chas J	Wheeler Mrs Carrie
Weber Frank	Webb George
Waggoner Henry S	Williams Mrs Mollie
Walker Mrs Nellie	Wood Mrs Callie E
Wood James M	

R. P. LYTLE, P. M.

REPUBLICAN TOWNSHIP CONVENTION.

The Republicans of the several districts of Decatur Township are requested to send delegates to a township convention, to be held at the Court House, on

FRIDAY, April 2nd, at 7 o'clock P. M.,

for the purpose of nominating candidates to be voted for at the Election of Township Officers on APRIL 6TH. Inasmuch as there is no basis of representation under the new law regulating voting districts, the basis of representation will remain the same as was adopted at the last township convention—being one delegate to each 25 votes or fraction above 13, as cast for Blaine in the November election, and making the representation as follows:

FIRST	DISTRICT	—17	Delegates.
SECOND	"	—17	"
THIRD	"	—14	"
FOURTH	"	—13	"
FIFTH	"	— 9	"

In accordance with the above call, the Republicans of the several districts are requested to meet in District Preliminary Convention for the purpose of electing delegates, on

Thursday, April 1, at 7:30 oclock P. M., at the following places, to wit:

FIRST	DISTRICT	—Neptune Hose House.
SECOND	"	—Council Rooms
THIRD	"	—Third Ward Hose House.
FOURTH	"	—Sheriff's Office.
FIFTH	"	—Eldorado Hose House.

JAS. J. FINN, 1st Dist.
JOHN A. BARNES, 2d Dist.
JOHN ULLRICH, 3rd Dist
HENRY McCLELLAN, 4th Dist.
JOHN A. BROWN 5th Dist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

WE are authorized to announce HENRY C. OAKES as a candidate for re-election as alderman in the fourth ward.

WE are authorized to announce THOMAS FIELDS as a candidate for Poundmaster, subject to the Republican township convention.

WE are authorized to announce JACOB BAUER as an independent candidate for Poundmaster.

WE are authorized to announce P. B PROVOST as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the action of the Republican convention.

WE are authorized to announce FRED. J. SMITH as a candidate for re-election to the office of Assessor, subject to the action of the Republican convention.

WE are authorized to announce HARVEY MAHANNAH as a candidate for re-election to the office of Township Collector, subject to the action of the Republican convention.

WE are authorized to announce THOMAS B ALBERT as a candidate for Justice of the Peace at the ensuing spring election.

WE are authorized to announce the name of JNO R. WILLIAMS as a candidate for re-election to the office of Town Clerk of Decatur Township, subject to the action of the Republican Convention.

We are authorized to announce HENRY METZ as a candidate for Alderman in the Fourth Ward

THE REV. GEO. H THAYER, of Bourbon Ind., says: "I owe myself and wife our lives to SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE." Sold by S. M Irwin and C. F. Shilling.

ARE YOU MADE miserable by Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of Appetite, Yellow Skin? Shiloh's Vitalizer is a positive cure Sold by S M Irwin and C. F Shilling.

JAMES LOCHER,

Successor to Archer & Locher.

Implements and Machinery,

241—245 EAST WILLIAM STREET,

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Besides a general stock I carry the following Specialties

THE HAMILTON ADJUSTABLE ARCH TONGUELESS CULTIVATOR, which, besides all the desirable features of the best of its class has this in addition: *It won't fall down* under any circumstances.

THE HAMILTON TONGUE CULTIVATOR and the HAMILTON RIDING CULTIVATOR, with adjustable arch, adjustable for depth, and *Bar Shares and Coulters.*

THE PEKIN CULTIVATOR, in three varieties.

THE BROWN CULTIVATOR, the prettiest thing out.

THE HEADLIGHT, Three wheel Sulky Plow, with or without tongue.

THE QUINCY GEM CITY Tongueless Sulky Plow.

It will interest any farmer to come and look at these Plows.

Like all the goods that I handle, they are sold upon their merits, and if they do not prove *equal to the best*, may be returned.

PEKIN PLOWS, in great varieties, at reduced prices, and warranted to scour in any soil.

In CORN PLANTERS I have the Old Reliable Brown Planters. The well known Farmers' Friend Planters, three styles.

In CHECK ROWERS, the Brown, Farmers' Friend, and the Locher.

Come and see me! I assure you that no firm in Central Ills. can undersell me, either for cash or on time prices.

In order that every farmer who trades in Decatur may know exactly what I have to offer him in my line, I shall, in a few days, mail to each one whose P. O. address is at any of the 32 towns adjoining Decatur, my Catalogue for 1886. If any of you fail to get it, or don't want it, please let us know, and I shall take pleasure to send him such a quantity of reading matter and *sheet music* to keep him and his family amused this summer.

JAMES LOCHER.

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Spring is Here,

And as a gentle reminder to those looking for something NEW AND NOBBY in the line of a fine Spring Suit for man, boy or child, don't fail to call at the WHITE FRONT Signal Station and inspect our array of SPRING GOODS. Everything Fresh, and in the very Latest Styles.

The Largest and most Complete Stock of Hats, Caps and Gents' Furnishing Goods in Decatur, and at prices to suit the most economical buyer is assured at

JOHN IRWIN'S

White Front Signal Station.

PATRONIZE HOME MANUFACTURES.

HAWORTH'S

Check Rowers and Corn Planters.

FARMERS, AFTER USING ROWERS OF OTHER STYLES, ON TRYING THIS ALWAYS CALL IT THE BEST.

IN ANY CONDITION OF GROUND

IT GIVES SATISFACTION.

THE wire is not removed from the machine at the end, but may be removed at pleasure. The only Check Rower in which the check line affords a guide to drive by, that makes a marker unnecessary See directions.

WE use the bright wire, made of Bessemer steel of the best quality, made especially for the Haworth Wire Check Rower, which will last longer and is easier to handle and much more durable, and will not stretch.

A STEEL BAR CHECK ROWER.

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It may truly be said, as compared with other planters, that it is not only an improvement, but more than that; it involves in its operation a new method peculiar in itself and complete, unlike others in scarce y any feature. We wish only to get this machine well introduced during the incoming season being confident that after having used it or seen it, it will be the one wanted.

It is evident that corn planters, as in general use, are too heavy on the team and out of proportion in weight and size to their work; yet it had not appeared practical that any material improvement could be made upon them so long as two persons riding on the machine were necessary to its operation; but with the check rower in general use, as it is at present, the need of a second attendant is dispensed with; also the different manner of handling the planter with the check rower, when turning at the ends, not only admits of, but certainly calls for, a different form of construction, so as it shall be simplified, lightened, and be better balanced, compact in form and durable. In working out a practical check-rowing machine, and the experience of introducing it into general use, as applied to the several kinds of corn planters, also the large experience with planters in the field, emphasized the need for improvement, in that planters were not adapted in very many respects to the new conditions developed in the use therewith of the check rower.

A Planter up to the above requirements after going through the test.

A FEW POINTS WHEREIN IT EXCELS.

1st The method of covering by means of the independent action of the forward and rear covering wheels, which insures the absolute covering of the corn, each wheel having an even pressure on opposite sides of the furrow, and one leading one in coming after, lapping the soil over, and closing perfectly the gash made by the runner.

2d. In consequence of the forward wheels having their ground bearing close to the heel of the runners, by which the runners are gauged in depth, a uniform depth of planting is insured, for the runners and wheels follow the inequalities of the ground together The rear covering wheels being small, better produce the proper movement of the soil and independently conform to the surface, performing the covering operation much more effectually and with less pressure, and also less draft on the team than would larger wheels. The large wheels of course carry the principal weight.

3d. The rear covering wheels, when they and the runners are elevated from the ground for turning at the ends, act as a counterpoise to the forward part of the machine, relieving the horses' necks from the galling weight they are obliged to carry in the old style planter.

4th. The dropping apparatus, combining most perfectly simplicity, durability and convenience, as well as unequalled accuracy, is more accurate than other drops, because the corn is fed into the measuring chambers from both sides, making it absolutely sure, whereas in others the corn is fed only from one side.

5th. A new method for gauging the number of kernels, which permits of any required number of changes to be made in an instant without removing the corn from the hoppers. The planter combines in an eminent degree compactness, simplicity and durability, and is believed to be at least one-half lighter on the team, and its adaptation to the check rower is perfect.

IN SOME CONDITIONS OF GROUND

it should not be rolled over the seed, a crust being formed, hindering the seed from coming up. The covering wheels are adjustable to or from the furrows, so as the pressure may be put immediately over the seed or from either side of the furrow more or less, according to the distance of the wheels from the furrow When, after prepared, the ground has been rained on and is settled or baked, the wheels should run closer, according as is necessary to move the soil and close the furrow; if loose and the soil moves freely, further away. The wheels, in pressing the soil back, have the effect of packing the ground as may be desired.

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The bonnets that bloom in the spring,
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B'oseom now in the merry sunshine;
And we dolefully groan as we sing,
Tra-la!
At the thought of the outlay they bring,
Tra-la!
But we know its no use to decline,
And that's what we mean when in chorus we sing.
"O, confound the bonnets that bloom in the spring!"
Tra-la-la-la-la-a! Tra-la-la-la-la-a!
The bonnets that bloom in the spring.

II.

The bonnets that bloom in the spring,
Tra-la!
Are exhibited now in the case,
And your wife wants a new wing,
Tra-la!
A most unattractive old thing!
Tra-la!
And a whole lot of flowers and lace,
And she says you're real mean and a hateful old thing
If you don't buy the bonnet that blooms in the spring,
Tra-la-la-la-la-a! Tra-la-la-la-la-a!
O, we do wish there weren't any spring!

—*Somerville Journal*

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., M'ch 22, 1886.

EDS. REPUBLICAN.—Mrs. Mott Smith, the wife of the Commissioner of the Hawaiian Legation and a native of the Sandwich Islands, favorably known in Washington circles as a delightful social entertainer, a few nights ago held an informal reception at her home, in honor of the author, William D Howells, now spending a few weeks in the city. We had the pleasure of meeting here many prominent men of the day. By nine o'clock the spacious parlors were filled with guests to the number of nearly one hundred, and the noisy hum of conversation was only hushed from time to time to listen to the melodious strains of some of Washington's most gifted singers also present as guests.

Mr. Howells, of course, formed the center of attraction. Naturally low in figure, his rounded form and slightly stooping shoulders only have the effect to augment in appearance this peculiarity. The most striking feature of his personal appearance is the manner of wearing his hair. It would seem that he had intended to part his hair in the middle, but, changing his mind, when about half way from the crown to the forehead, the part is lost in what the ladies, with a spice of contempt, denominate a "bang." The firm but pleasant expression on his face does not permit one to be disappointed in regard to the man outwardly, but his quiet and unassuming ways hardly suggest the author of the "Elevator," "Register," or "Garroters"

One is apt to judge of a writer by the characters he creates, but it does not necessarily follow that because an author depicts character ideal in every respect, he must embody those qualities in his own persona by which he describes, but rather that he keenly appreciates, and is able to produce, the people with whom he meets and becomes acquainted And so the e were but few pithy and clever remarks to be caught from his lips, such as we are wont to expect on meeting great men. Still Mr. Howells is very justly surrounded by many admirers and also by numerous would-be intimate acquaintances. One of these latter, a young lady, touching upon the subject of the production of "Silas Lapham," asked "O, Mr. Howells, *do* you do it?" "It just comes to me," he replied quietly and a trifle to the discomfit of his questioner.

Among other guests were Chief Justice Waite and Lieut. Greeley, of the Arctic expedition The former passed quietly from one to another and many glances were given him by the curious who seemed to be noting down this head of our Judiciary, whose position rightfully brings to him so much honor and distinction. Lieut Greeley, a tall, graceful, and pleasant appearing man, is still weak from the terrible hardships he endured and he says it will be many months before he will have regained his strength. He prefers not to speak of his unhappy voyage and aside from public lectures which he has occasionally given never touches upon the subject.

The fact that Congressman Springer and Commissioner of Pensions Black, of Illinois, and Speaker Carlisle were present, would seem to indicate a Democratic caucus under the cloak of a social gathering; and although under any prevailing administration it is the custom and perhaps policy to give the "ins" the preference, yet probably on this occasion these and their ladies were chosen more from reason of social fitness than otherwise. These and others came directly from a reception held at the White House, and Mrs Springer's apology for her husband's tardiness was that the President desired to speak with him after the levee and detained or that purpose.

Quite prominent among the guests were Senator and Mrs. Vance, of North Carolina. The Senator is noted for being perhaps the best story-teller on the floor of the Senate, and on this occasion he fully sustained his reputation in this respect, Speaking of his more humble life in North Carolina in years past, he remarked that in those days he "could sit back in his chair and chew tobacco and smoke and spit all over everything," emphasizing the last by a very suggestive flourish of both hands: "but here in Washington," he added, "my wife won't let me spit on the parlor carpet." However, the Senator does not appear to be seriously restrained in this respect after all. About a week previous to this time we happened to call, in company with a friend, at the dinner hour and so were invited to partake of wild goose which the Senator was already carving. After the meal he sat with a "constituent" in the back parlor and at intervals between his stories he would relieve the contents of his mouth at a dangerously long distance from the fireplace, but as this failed to disturb the equanimity of his wife we soon ceased to notice it. At home the Senator's favorite name for his wife is "Mother," but in his efforts to get her away from the reception on this evening he applied the more persuasive appellation of "old gal," apparently with about as much effect, however, as his silence would have had M.

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JUDGE SMITH, after hearing the arguments of Hugh Cree and I. R. Mills in the gas case, stated last evening at Urbana that he would give his decision within a few days. Decatur does not want to pay more than $1 50 per 1,000 feet, but the gas company insist on $2 00.

CHRISTIAN GIBL lately delivered a lecture in the town hall at Cerro Gordo, paying his respects to the Dunkards and to Jesse Calvert.

Niantic News Notes.

Wm. Pritchett is plastering his new residence.

Cornelius Connaghan has purchased a new tile mill, with which he can manufacture tile from 3 to 18 inches.

A tramp discovered a broken rail east of this place one day last week, and reported the same to the R. R. agent, who flagged a stock train in time to save a great disaster. The tramp was given a free ride to Decatur.

J. P. Faris leaves in a few days for Nebraska, where he goes on business

Mrs. "Cis" Pritchett is visiting relatives in Mt. Auburn.

Prof. W. W. Kyle went to Decatur on business last Saturday. X.

NIANTIC, March 22.

A Case of Real Old-Fashioned Energy.

On last Thursday, Friday and Saturday the farmers of Macon county began to look around in real earnest for their implements, seeds, &c, and not a few called in to see V. H. Parke and asked for prices. This is about what they said when they heard the prices: "That lays all the other prices out" After going out and looking for other prices they come back to buy One man said: "I saved $3 on one cultivator" Another said: "I saved $2 50 on one plow" James Seron said he saved just $4 on the Fester Seeder he bought Kinser said he saved $6 on two Sulky Plows A. H Cain said he saved just $6 on the two-horse rake he bought Charles LaCost saved $3 on the Smoothing Harrow, and every man did as well or better. The opposition still cry "Old goods repainted" They say: "He can't do it. He can't sell new goods at any such prices" One man said: "Why, I sell to his dealers at the stations to sell again at higher prices than you say Parke asks you. There must be some mistake." V. H. Parke says there is no mistake He sells prime new goods, the best made, at about the same price the others buy at. Now, I ask you to come and see for yourselves. I carry the largest stock of Clover, Timothy, Bluegrass and all other Field Seeds in the county, all fresh and pure. My stock of Garden seeds is twenty times more than all the other put together. Come in and look the matter up, and if you don't find what I tell you to be so, don't buy. *I mean just what I say*

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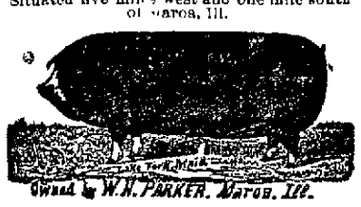

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The Weekly Republican.

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SO MANY New York Aldermen are in hiding to avoid appearing as witnesses or to escape arrest as criminals that it is difficult to get a quorum of the board for the transaction of city business.

THE Illinois Supreme Court on Friday refused a new hearing in the case of Joseph C. Mackin, who is serving a term for perjury in connection with the election frauds in the Eighteenth Ward of Chicago.

THE Winchester rifle, laid aside for politic purposes just before the last Presidential election, is again cracking away merrily in Mississippi, and the status quo ante is restored. Still you see, once in a while, in a Bourbon newspaper a remark to the effect that the negro is learning that the Democratic party is his best friend.

WITH the restoration of Republican rule in Ohio, its financial credit has again become gilt-edged. Its old 6-per-cent. bonds, negotiated when money was at a high rate of interest, have recently been refunded at 3 per cent., the new bonds selling at 2 per cent. premium. Capitalists evidently believe that the Republicans have returned to power in Ohio for the purpose of staying in.

MR. ARTHUR, the Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, believes thoroughly in organization but is opposed to strikes and believes in arbitration and peaceable methods of adjusting difficulties. A strike, in his opinion, should only be "in a desperate resort," and "a boycott is an unmanly weapon." Mr. Powderly, the head of the Knights of Labor, holds nearly the same views as to strikes.

NEW YORK *Tribune:* A President without a party is not only a melancholy spectacle; he is as useless as the Keeley motor. He can get nothing done; has no friends whose anxiety for his success perpetually guards him against error; is used by the least worthy because they are the least scrupulous; makes more grave blunders in sheer ignorance than the worst of capable party leaders would ever dare to make, and is exactly the sort of ruler to be shunned.

THE public debt of Great Britain at present is $3,732,110,820. It is alleged that Premier Gladstone's proposed land measure for Ireland will add $750,000,000 to this debt, increasing the amount to $4,500,000,000—a staggering load that would require greatly increased taxation and burden every enterprise of industry and commerce. But few statesmen would have the courage to offer such a measure to the people on whose support they depend for the possession of power.

PHILADELPHIA *Press:* It seems that the papers on file in the departments which President Cleveland will not suffer the Senate Committee to inspect are not so inviolable but that Democratic Senators can withdraw them at pleasure and use the information gained from them in executive session. This, apparently, is a frequent and familiar procedure in the Postoffice Department. The President can be free enough with his so called private and confidential papers when Democratic instead of Republican Senators express a desire to look at them.

THE Toledo *Blade*, in speaking of the intrigues of the free-traders to break down by gradual approaches the tariff system of the country, says: "A general reduction of wages, not only in manufactures, but in all the classes of wage-workers, has always followed a general reduction of duties. This is a fact which no free-trade generalities can hide from the people. The tariff is not a device to make manufacturers grow rich, but its great end is to secure to the working people of our land a good price for their labor—an end which they can not afford to imperil by working or voting in the interest of free-trade fanatics."

PITTSBURGH *Chronicle-Telegraph:* Whatever may be concluded relative to charges so common these days of the gross immorality at the national capital, it is quite certain that excessive drinking and feeding there plays havoc with public men, and the press correspondents deal very charitably with the statesmen who succumb. Many congressmen who have withstood all temptation at home make shipwreck of themselves in Washington. It is no secret that periodically several of the ablest men in both houses have to be taken in charge by their friends and sent off to Virginia or Florida or elsewhere to recuperate from excess, and deaths from this cause are steadily attributed by polite physicians to less comprehensive sources of disease. If a man is socially inclined and in any way predisposed to Bacchus, he will do well to give Washington a wide berth.

THE most distinguished and clamorous free-traders are always in favor of having free-trade applied to everything but the interest in which they are engaged. J. L. Trenholm, the South Carolina statesman of rebel antecedents, who was recently transferred from the Civil Service Commission to the Currency Bureau, is one of these theoretical free-traders. He wants the duty removed from everything but the chief product of South Carolina, which is rice, and he wants the rice duty increased to 100 per cent., so as to prohibit the importation of foreign rice. All the free-trade schemers have pet industries which they desire protected while removing the protection from everything else.

CHICAGO *Journal:* Not a word is said where John H. Oberly is best known in favor of his appointment as a member of the Civil Service Commission. His ability is overrated. He has been persistent, greedy and importunate in seeking and demanding office. He understands the spoils system better and has practiced it more industriously than any other Democratic politician in Illinois. With such men to administer it, the civil-service system is likely to fall into "innocuous desuetude," a very proper phrase invented by the President to describe a law, regulation or custom that has lost its vitality and died out for want of support and sustenance.

PHILADELPHIA *Press:* Every change which President Cleveland has made in the Civil Service Commission has deteriorated and weakened that body. To become an effective force in the public service that organization must be a fixed, definite entity, subject to no change except for urgent cause, and wholly independent of executive caprice and the requirements of party expediency. The frequent changes Mr. Cleveland has made in its composition have impaired its usefulness, impoverished its moral status and reduced its character to the level of a commonplace makeshift. The tendency of Mr. Cleveland's whole conduct toward the Commission has been to render the civil-service law a nullity and a farce.

THE Chicago *Times* makes a bitter attack on the Knights of Labor, comparing them to the robber knights of the mediæval ages, who, upon pretense of correcting wrong, went about committing violent depredations upon the rights of others There is no sheet in the country that is more bitterly opposed to labor organizations than the *Times*, nor will it allow a member of a trade association to remain in its employ.

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The Harmonists.

George Rapp, founder of the sect of Harmonists in Pennsylvania, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1770, and died at Economy, Penn., in 1847. Believing that he had a divine call, and was charged with the restoration of the Christian religion to its original purity, he organized a community on the model of the primitive church, holding goods in common. A difficulty with the government in regard to worship impelled Rapp to transplant his community in 1803 from Wurtemburg to the United States. They settled first in Butler county Pa, where they founded the village of Harmony, and employed themselves in agriculture and manufactures. They acquired considerable wealth, and in 1815 removed to the Territory of Indiana, where they purchased a tract of 27,000 acres on the Wabash. The settlement of New Harmony here prospered even more than their former establishment, but in 1824 they sold their property to Robert Owen and emigrated to Beaver county, Pennsylvania, where the town of Economy was laid out on the right bank of the Ohio, seventeen miles northwest of Pittsburgh. There was a secession of about 200 members in 1832. It is an agricultural and manufacturing community. Members of both sexes are admitted, but they do not marry. They profess Protestantism, observe strict morality, and pay much attention to education. Litigation has begun in Pittsburgh over the estate of Rapp, involving some $17,000,000.

William Smith, the present president of the Harmonists, is an uncle of Andrew Rothfuss, of this city. He is a very old man, and if the property is ever divided Mr Rothfuss will be one of the principal heirs.

MEDICAL science has lately taken two gigantic strides. The first of these was made when Pasteur revealed a means of preventing hydrophobia; and the second—which has attracted less attention—is the discovery in Virginia City, Nev., of what is known as "the Quartz Cure." This cure, though of recent invention, has already acquired wide popularity in Nevada, and has a remarkable value in that it applies to almost every form of disease, and is so easily prepared that even the assistance of a druggist or physician is unnecessary. The popular name of the medicine is "Silica Tonic." The formula for its preparation is as follows: Take three or four pieces of pure white quartz of about the size of a filbert; wash them carefully in clear, cold water, and place them in a tumbler. Next pour over the quartz to the depth of an inch or two, a portion of the best Bourbon whisky, and take each morning before breakfast. The same pieces of quartz will, it is said, last a whole year and then be as good as new. In case the quartz gives too strong a flavor to to the tonic, a little sugar and water, with lemon, may be added. A number of remarkable cures from the use of this "Silica Tonic" are reported in apparently reliable newspapers, and in Virginia City the use of almost every other medicine has been abandoned.

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Read, ponder and profit thereby. Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs is conceded by all who have used it to excel any preparation in the market as a complete throat and lung healer. All persons afflicted with that dreadful disease—Consumption—will find speedy relief and in a majority of cases a permanent cure. The proprietor has authorized Dr. A. J. Stoner, druggist, No. 14 east side new square, to refund the money to any party who has taken three-fourths of a bottle without relief. Price 50 cents and $1. *Trial size free* b2

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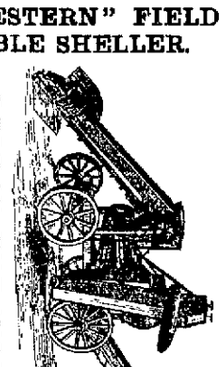

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TO MISS CLEVELAND.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM ELIZABETH CADY STANTON.

Bare Necks, Shoulder Blades and Arms Discussed from a Hygienic and Philosophic Standpoint—A Plea for Decent Draping of the Human Body.

[Special Correspondence.]

TENAFLY, N. J., March 15.—To Miss Cleveland, Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C.: Distinguished as you are, not only for your native talents and remarkable common sense, but just now by your position, as "the first lady in the land," I ask your consideration of a subject that has long demanded some expression of opinion from the refined, thoughtful women of our country, and especially just now, as in our fashionable circles the custom of partially denuding innocent girls in public is being carried to the verge of immorality.

Sensible men of the press have, from time to time, made some mild suggestions, in the form of witty squibs, with the vain hope of calling the attention of women to the absurdities of their costume, which those who could write have met with counter charges on the assailable points in man's attire; but no one seems disposed to grapple philosophically with the problem. Hence I appeal to you to give to your countrywomen, in your clear, concise style, an exhaustive essay on this question. In reading of your *recherché* luncheons for ladies alone, it occurred to me that you might seize that opportunity to introduce the question of bare necks and arms, and discuss it freely, and perhaps inaugurate among your fashionable acquaintances some much needed reform.

With this hope I will content myself with a few suggestions as to the several aspects in which the dress question may be considered:

First—Who starts new fashions, and what is their significance?

Second—What is their relation to health, comfort, convenience and beauty?

Third—What is their effect on the morals of the individual and society?

Like governments, religion and the customs of society, dress is the outgrowth of the ideas of a people; hence, the style differs essentially in various countries, and in the same country at different times. The dress, the manners, the morals proper for women have always been based on some theory in regard to the object of their creation, and their status in the scale of being. The sole object of their existence up to our day has been supposed to be to please man; hence, while all the successive changes in man's dress have been in the direction of freedom, the endless fashions for woman's attire have been merely so many variations of different forms of bondage. When we fully reach that point in civilization in which woman will be supposed to exist for her own happiness, she will dress for her freedom and comfort. Frances Power Cobbe facetiously asks the question: "If dogs and cats were called into being primarily for their own happiness, and secondarily for the convenience of their masters, is it too much to suppose that women also were created primarily for their own enjoyment?" When this theory prevails, no doubt many of our costumes will be essentially modified.

Again, woman's dominion over man was always supposed to be purely physical, and just in proportion as she could rouse his passions, and hold him by those attractions to which he was most susceptible, he was her slave for the time being. Dress plays a most important part in this kind of domination, which those who make a study of the passionate nature of man thoroughly understand, and drape their persons accordingly. In the early history of the race men hunted for wives, as they now do for other game, and captured the choicest they could find. Then they had it all their own way, except as they interfered with one another. The woman's chief pride and distinction was to be among the stolen. The next step was to make them articles of merchandise, and as those who came to purchase claimed the right to see the article offered, the scant drapery was so arranged as to display their greatest attractions. But once in the possession of the happy owner, the charms must now be sedulously veiled from all outside observers. American men are not so selfish and exacting. They allow their wives and daughters to unveil before all Israel and the sun. In eastern nations the ideal woman was helpless, and modest in the extreme—safe only in seclusion; hence one nation compressed her feet in iron shoes, that she might not stray from home; another required her to wear a mask, that no unbidden guest should be seduced by her attractions, nor her vanity cultivated by undue observation. The owner wished all her little arts concentrated on himself, absolute property in woman being thus far the basic idea in all the social relations. To please man was the beginning, end and aim of her existence, the creed and catechism of her religion. He was the sun of her universe, the object of her worship, her chief study. Until now all Eve's daughters have a kind of hereditary insight into the wonders and mysteries of his complicated organization and the manifold manifestations of his wisdom, goodness and power.

In our day the girl in the progress of civilization has come, in a measure, to own herself, and in addition to her beauties of feature and complexion she is supposed to have many higher attractions of a moral and intellectual character. Many have a thorough collegiate education; some have inherited large fortunes; some are skilled in the trades, professions, and as they are no longer stolen, sold nor given away by their male relatives, they may be said now to hold a more equal place with their brothers in the matrimonial market. In this view the question is pertinent: Why should young women longer display their arms and shoulders? Being possessed of higher charms and filling positions of honor and independence and claiming equal social, civil and political rights with men, why should they unveil their charms while men so carefully conceal all theirs, except what may chance to shine through their benign countenances. If matrimony is a barter of charm for charm, it is quite as important for young men to display their well-turned throats, chests and limbs, their well-developed muscles, as it is for the girls to unveil their fine proportions. But what would the world say if on some festive occasion our boys should make their appearance, waltzing and dancing in fashionable drawing rooms, with bare arms and necks, long trousers, trailing two yards from their heels, with a little mechanical appliance for holding them up in dancing.

"Oh, that the gods the gift would gie us
To see ourselves as others see us."

We can readily judge of the real proportions of men and women when decently draped. Hence for the present demands of society, all this denuding is a work of supererogation, especially from the standpoint of dignity, self respect and common decency on the part of women. Gatton, in his work on heredity, tells us the tendency of mankind is always backward to old conditions, and this fashion of displaying the person no doubt grows out of the old compulsory custom among the ancients.

Although women are said to be the "queens in our social life, wielding the scepter that rules the world," yet from this backward tendency they still turn our drawing rooms, theatres and fashionable hotels into a kind of matrimonial market, where they display more than the most exacting admirers or the enlightened public sentiment of our times require.

Second—Under the head of health, enough has been said already in our physiological journals on that point to arrest the attention of the most heedless votary of fashion. Who can question the damage to young and delicate girls of such a wholesale disrobing in our cold and changeable climate. Think of high-necked, long-sleeved dresses and flannels all thrown aside for a fashionable ball, reception or dinner. There is no part of the body more sensitive to changes and draughts than the throat, chest and shoulders. A current of air on the back of the neck is fraught with dangers. Every year this craze for artistic effects is demanding the sacrifice of new victims, that new charms may be revealed. Under clothing above the waist is a thing of the past. There was a time when a fragment of a sleeve was vouchsafed by the goddess of fashion, and only the upper part of the bust was exposed to inspection, but now the demands are growing more and more extended and exacting—a sleeve is but a memory of by-gone days. The curve of the shoulder is called for and no band or ribbon, however minute, must now intercept the view from the tip of the ear to the end of the finger. The shoulder blades, too, must be visible, that the first appearance of the angelic wings, seen in prophetic visions, may in their growth be unimpeded. Verily, it looks as if Carlyle's weird imaginings in Sartor Resartus, were soon to be realized. If our men can only be persuaded to second the earnest endeavors of the women, to return to the simple costume worn in the Garden of Eden, all this "clothes thatching" will soon be but a painful dream of former bondage, and all badges of caste and clan speedily disposed of; for without clothes, said the great Scotch iconoclast, how could you tell a prince from a peasant

But if our women cannot be reconciled to such stringent measures, as draping all their charms, the display of the lower limbs would be less injurious to health, as none of the vital organs are located in that part of the human organism. The Scotch Highlander bares his legs with impunity to the fierce winds on his native hills. There would be no special danger of following his example in our comfortably heated drawing rooms. The curve of the legs, feet, ankles, and their graceful motions in walking and dancing, are always attractive, and to leave them free and drape the upper part of the body, would seem more rational. If denuding these must be to verify the hereditary tendency to old customs, the experiments should not be made on the vital organs. How many more of our lovely girls must be sacrificed to this absurd fashion? How many more must be carried off with bronchitis, pneumonia and neuralgia before sensible men and women combine, with pen and tongue, to denounce and ridicule this vulgar custom out of existence?

Third—As to the moral aspects of this question, there can be but one opinion. Our fashions come mainly from the courtesans of France. Their chief study is to play on the passions of men, and all dressing is with that view. To attract their attention there must be something striking. To hold it there must be change from time to time. As soon as the eye becomes familiar with one style another must be presented.

Our innocent girls mistake the example of this class of women, without understanding the philosophy on which their fashions are based, without ever asking themselves: What is the significance of this fashion? What was its origin? What are its advantages? Is it artistic? Is it useful? Does it rouse the higher sentiments? Does it benefit the wearer, elevate the observer, and cultivate the good taste of society? No! not a full evening dress is neither comfortable, convenient, artistic nor decent for a refined, educated woman.

When I was last in England I wanted very much to pay my respects to the queen, but on learning that a court dress involved bare neck and arms, I abandoned the idea of shivering in a cold ante-room for one hour and losing my self-respect to enjoy that honor. I had heard so many boasts among English women that their queen had always kept her court so clean, that I wondered she should not only tolerate, but insist on so demoralizing a fashion

How fathers, husband and brothers, with common sense and refinement, can consent to their wives and daughters thus degrading themselves in public, and how women themselves, with one grain of modesty can be willing to expose themselves to the gaze and remarks of such promiscuous assemblies of men, as congregate in Washington society, passes all comprehension.

It is bad enough for young girls to attract the attention of young men by such acts, and to demoralize them by such exposures, but for mature matrons, women of 40 and 50 years of age, to be guilty of such vulgar vanity in displaying their persons, and with a full knowledge of the significance of their actions, their behavior is as unprincipled as it is unbecoming.

The disgust with which all persons of refinement regard such women should have relegated these fashions long ago to that class whose profession compels them to display their charms in the market. Why should we, the greatest nation on the globe, if we except Russia, the only one still in the act of growth, consent to follow the antiquated customs of those nations, that have long since passed the zenith of their power, customs so unworthy the higher type of womanhood America boasts to-day.

So long as there is no admission into court circles except through such humiliations of a woman's proper pride and delicacy, I conjure all American women to forego the supposed honor of being presented to the crowned heads of Europe. And let us in turn establish the custom that women cannot be admitted into the best American society with their necks, shoulders and arms uncovered.

Sitting at dinner once in a fashionable hotel at Washington, discussing a woman's convention, then in session, with some gentlemen, a lady offensively in the opposition, as indecently dressed as the fashion allowed, objected to women speaking in public, singularly enough on the ground that it involved great sacrifice of delicacy and refinement to be thus exposed to the gaze of promiscuous assemblies.

With my eyes averted as much as possible, for I was ashamed to have the gentleman see me look at her, I listened, with smothered impatience, to her platitudes on woman's sphere. On leaving the table, which I did as soon as convenient, I said, "Madame, I have spoken in public forty years, and have never in all that time been as much exposed as you are now, and, I trust, never, under any circumstances, have I seemed so lacking in modesty."

In closing, my dear Miss Cleveland, allow me to say you have now the opportunity, by your example and a free expression of your opinion, to elevate the standard of dress for your countrywomen, and I sincerely hope you will use your influence in the direction of health, morals and refinement. Very respectfully yours, ELIZABETH CADY STANTON.

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Not Disposed to Force a Struggle—Strikes and Settlements at Other Points.

The Strike at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, March 23.—The rumor that the Missouri Pacific would resume its freight traffic to-day was followed this morning by an attempt to send out a freight train, which, resulted, however, in a miserable failure. In anticipation of an enjoyable time, a large number of the striking Knights gathered at the Ewing avenue crossing early this morning and waited patiently for the train to appear. At about 9:40 o'clock switch engine No. 825, Billy Study, engineer, and with Fireman Nelson on board, left the shops at Ewing avenue and proceeded down to the depot. At Ewing avenue crossing Fireman Nelson jumped off. This action was greeted with cheers. The engine was manned by several police, uniformed and ununiformed. About ten minutes before the engine started, Furlong and ten of his satellites soared down the track to the Seventeenth street yard, where the train was to be made up. They were greeted with jeers and hisses as they passed. The greater part of the crowd followed the engine down to the yard. The crowd began to augment rapidly. There must have been at least 300 persons in it. Sergeants Campbell, Bree and Young, with about a dozen police, arrived on the scene with the intention to preserve order. Trainmaster Clark was helping to make up the train. The freight train to be sent out was a special, and was to consist of eleven cars. The engineer had already succeeded in getting together four cars, and backed up to take on the rest, when the person at the switch threw it wrong and the four cars scraped up against two cars which stood where the switch ended. The two cars that collided were then tilted slightly. This master effort at switching was greeted with loud cheers by the strikers. It is claimed by many that Trainmaster Clark was the culprit. The crowd was a good-natured one, and contented itself with laughing, shouting and poking fun at the detectives and police. An effort was made to have Engineer Study leave the train, but Study would not leave. An attempt was then made to start forward with the four cars, when the crowd suddenly surged around them and the next moment the coupling pins of the cars mysteriously disappeared from their places to be found later beneath the cars. The engine, which was also uncoupled, started ahead without its burden. The crowd cheered again, but the cheering turned into jeers when a detail of about twenty specials stalked up the track after everything was over. During the excitement, a Furlong man, standing on the locomotive, put his hand to his hip-pocket as if to draw his revolver. This motion was at once noticed by the crowd, which manifested its displeasure by hissing and giving utterance to some uncomplimentary remarks. No further attempt was made to take out this train, and after as many Furlong men got on the engine as room would permit, it proceeded back to the shops followed by the triumphant cries of the crowd. As the engine crossed Ewing avenue it was again greeted with vigorous cheers by the strikers who had remained at the crossing.

Notwithstanding this signal failure, it is said that another attempt to run freights will be made. It is certain, though, that they will not get very far—some say not even out of St. Louis. It is difficult to see how the freights are to be sent out. Everything the Knights do is done good-naturally and in a quiet, peaceful way. Their great number makes it impossible for the police to see who the parties tampering with the couplings are.

The executive committee of the Knights were in session this morning at Lightstone's Hall, and its members were so busily engaged in sending and receiving telegrams from the affected points that they had but little time for other business. From the tone of these telegrams it was very plainly to be seen that all that has been said about disaffection among the Knights, and that some of them were getting dissatisfied with the condition of things, was the veriest nonsense. One of the committee said:

"We are more and more satisfied that none of the men will go back to work until our demands are acceded to. We are getting down to hard-pan and preparing for a long siege. Some of the men are getting themselves into trim to live on bread and water for six months, if it is necessary, and you can bet that they can do it."

"Will you call out the Knights on other roads?" asked the reporter.

"Well, that would be hard to say, but I believe that there is no such intention yet, as I would come pretty near knowing if there was. Of course you know that this may be true to-day and not to-morrow. It would be impossible to say what twenty-four hours may bring forth," with a significant smile.

Taking Time By the Forelock—Novel Method of Averting a Strike.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 24.—The Tennessee Manufacturing Company, the Nashville Cotton Mills and the National Manufacturing Company, employing twelve hundred operatives, having ascertained that a strike for higher wages or a demand that the eight-hour system be adopted would likely be made, determined to come to an immediate understanding.

Each employe was notified by circular that an advance in wages could not be made; that the dissatisfied hands could call for a prompt settlement of their accounts, and that unless enough operatives agreed to remain at work the mills would be closed on the 31st inst.

It is also asserted that notice has been given that members of the Knights of Labor must either withdraw from the order of give up their situations. The Knights, of whom there are 4,000 in the city, deny connection with the rumored strike. It is not known what action the operatives will take.

A Freight Train Moves—Into a Ditch.

SEDALIA, Mo., March 24.—At four o'clock yesterday afternoon a freight train was gotten out of the yards under strong police guard, and when the city limits were reached the sheriff and his deputies took charge of it. When about three miles from the city the engine and six cars were ditched from some cause as yet unknown.

The engineer and fireman jumped from the engine before the train left the track, and escaped unhurt. One deputy sheriff and a citizen of Sedalia, who had volunteered to act as a guard, who were upon top of the train, were caught in the wreck and fatally injured. Three other special officers were also seriously hurt.

Two thousand people went out to view the wreck. The engine lies on its side, and the cars and contents are a total wreck.

Trouble Feared at Denison, Tex.

DENISON, Tex., March 24.—At one o'clock yesterday a switch engine was brought out of the Missouri Pacific round-house for the purpose of switching freight cars to be unloaded. Several cars of beer, ice and oil were coupled on to, and were switched to the unloading tracks. Fully one thousand strikers and citizens had assembled to see what would be done. The strikers made a move to disable the engine, but as if by magic a force of deputy sheriffs appeared armed with Winchester rifles. They ordered to strikers to stand back, and stood ready to fire at the first man that made a break. The strikers made no attempt to stop the work, but remained standing around. Five of the leading Knights were arrested and taken to the jail. Excitement runs very high, and serious trouble is expected. The Knights swear no freight train shall move, and it is evidently the intention of the officers to take freight trains out. Business is almost at a standstill.

Not Disposed to Force a Struggle.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 24.—At ten o'clock yesterday morning the presidents of all the street railway companies of this and Allegheny cities met for the purpose of final action on reduction from seventeen to twelve hours for a day's work. They continued in session until twelve o'clock, when a committee of three was appointed to consult with the executive committee of the Knights of Labor at two o'clock. At noon several of the railway officials stated to the United Press reporter: "Nearly all of the employes' demands have been conceded, and there is no disposition on the part of the management to force a struggle."

Bloody Heads at a Strike.

DAYTON, O., March 24.—The Third Street Car Company made two attempts to start cars yesterday under police protection. After the police had vigorously clubbed the crowd, the first car was got over the line, but the second did not fare so well. Men from the Malleable Iron works blockaded the street, unhitched the horses and, in spite of the police, turned the car upside down across the track. In the melee, Officer Jesse Moore was severely injured by a stone thrown by a striker. Though there were many bloody heads, no one was seriously hurt.

End of the Strike at the National Tube Works.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 24.—It is positively announced that the great strike at the National Tube works, McKeesport, Pa., is ended, and that the men will resume work on the terms indicated in these dispatches last night, viz.: Wages paid previous to the reduction in 1884. The machinists, carpenters and laborers resumed work this morning; other departments will resume at half-past six o'clock this evening. About one thousand men are employed in the works.

A Perfectly Satisfactory Settlement.

WOBURN, Mass., March 24.—The Knights of Labor arbitrators, appointed to settle the differences between James Skinner & Co. and their tanners and curriers have reported articles of agreement, which are perfectly satisfactory to both sides. The agreement provides that the Knights of Labor shall endeavor to enforce a scale of prices not less than this in all tanneries and curriering shops throughout the country.

Leading Strikers Arrested and a Jail Delivery Threatened.

PALESTINE, Tex., March 24.—At five o'clock yesterday afternoon a large crowd of strikers and others assembled about the railroad yards and made threatening demonstrations. The sheriff arrested four leaders and jailed them. At 8 p. m. the strikers held a meeting and excitement ran high. A jail delivery was talked of, and serious apprehensions are entertained for the safety of railway property.

Rumor of a Great Railroad Strike at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 24.—An unauthorized rumor is afloat that the Knights of Labor have been ordered to strike on every railroad in the city soon unless the difficulties are adjusted in the meantime. Several local labor troubles are not yet settled, and the uneasy feeling is increased.

Cloak-Makers' Strike.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Over 2,000 cloak-makers in this city struck to-day against the contract system, and to aid them nearly 2,000 members of the Dress and Suit-Makers' Union quit work. An arbitration meeting was held last evening. One large firm has already granted the employes' demands.

Will Not Strike.

DENVER, Col., March 24.—J. N. Corbin, secretary of the executive board of Union Pacific employes, states that the rumor of a contemplated strike of trainmen and switchmen on the Union Pacific road is false.

Will Reply on All Fools' Day.

PHILADELPHIA, March 24.—The conductors and drivers of the various street car lines in this city yesterday afternoon presented their grievances and demands to the board of presidents. The presidents said they would reply on April 1.

Couldn't Get a Bondsman.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Alderman Jaehn, who was surrendered Sunday by his bondsman, has been unable to furnish the $25,000 bond required by the court under the grand jury's bribery indictment, and was taken back to the Tombs at 4 p. m. yesterday and locked up.

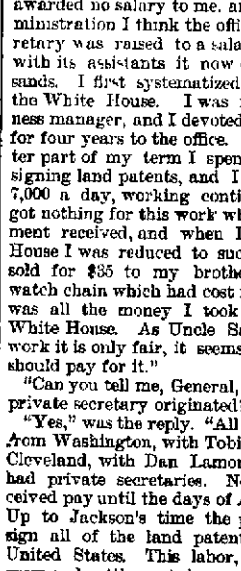
SOME SMALL STORIES

OF PROMINENT MEN AND WOMEN IN WASHINGTON.

The Son of President Tyler and His Bill—How the Office of Private Secretary to the President Originated—Gen. Jackson's Land Patents.

[Special Correspondence.]

WASHINGTON, March 22.—I see every day here at Washington a straight, fine-looking old man, with a beard of silver, and silky white hair, which twists itself into short curls as it touches his neck. He has a fair complexion, and his features are those of President Tyler. He is courtly in his bearing, and is as active as a young man about to cast his first vote. This man is Gen. John Tyler, the son of President Tyler, who becomes a public figure just now from the bill before congress, in which he asks payment for his services as private secretary to his father. When John Tyler was president congress was arrayed against him, and it treated him with all the meanness in its power. It refused to pay the ordinary expenses of the White House, and the expenses of lighting, heating and servants all came out of President Tyler's private pocket. John Tyler, Jr., was his father's private secretary, and though he had to keep a number of clerks under him to carry on the business of the White House, he received no salary whatever. I chatted with him to-day about his bill. Said he:



GEN. JOHN TYLER.

"I had been my father's amanuensis ever since I can remember, and at this time when I had just graduated from the College of William and Mary, and where I was, in fact, prosecuting my master's degree and the study of law, my father called me to Washington to act as his secretary, first as vice-president and after Harrison's death as president. You can have no idea of the expenses of the White House at that time. We kept thirty-six servants, and my father's social reign was perhaps the most popular of that of any president. Thousands called at the White House every week. They wore the carpets in the East room to rags, sat out the bottoms of the chairs, and their entertainment cost a great deal more than my father's salary. We had to pay for the wood and for everything, even to the street lamps.

Although Andrew Jackson, Van Buren and Harrison had each had private secretaries who were paid by the government, congress awarded no salary to me, and at the next administration I think the office of private secretary was raised to a salary of $2,500 and with its assistants it now costs many thousands. I first systematized the business of the White House. I was my father's business manager, and I devoted my entire time for four years to the office. During the latter part of my term I spent many days in signing land patents, and I averaged about 7,000 a day, working continuously. Still I got nothing for this work which the government received, and when I left the White House I was reduced to such straits that I sold for $35 to my brother-in-law a gold watch chain which had cost me $60, and this was all the money I took away from the White House. As Uncle Sam received my work it is only fair, it seems to me, that he should pay for it."

"Can you tell me, General, how the office of private secretary originated?"

"Yes," was the reply. "All of the presidents from Washington, with Tobias Lear, down to Cleveland, with Dan Lamont, have, I think, had private secretaries. None of them received pay until the days of Andrew Jackson. Up to Jackson's time the presidents had to sign all of the land patents issued by the United States. This labor, as the country grew and settlement increased, became very arduous. The land patents were great sheets of parchment as large as the page of the ordinary newspaper. Jackson used to spend his evenings in the work of signing them. Dressed in gown and slippers, with one of his long clay pipes in his mouth, he would have perhaps 1,000 of these laid on a table which he placed between him and the great fire-

place. There he would sit and sign for hours, smoking and writing as time went on. But the hot fire would make the parchment curl, and the sheets would fold themselves into rolls as he attempted to sign them. He would grow angry and break a pipe every now and then in his disgust at the work, and finally one night, when the papers were especially refractory, he threw down his pen, broke his pipe and swore "by the eternal" that he would not sign another patent, and that if congress wanted this drudgery done they could hire some cheaper man to do it. The result was that the office of signer of land patents, with a salary of $1,500 a year, was given to the White House, and Jackson made his adopted son, Maj. Donaldson, and his private secretary, its incumbent. When Van Buren came in he gave the place to his son, John Van Buren, and Harrison appointed his nephew, John Henry Harrison, as his private secretary and to do this work. Polk's private secretary got $2,500 a year, and the office has for a long time been next to that of the president in importance."

Strangers in Washington lose half the joy of their visits here from not knowing the great characters whom they meet. There are so many ins and outs of Washington society that you stumble across prominent persons or their friends everywhere. A senator or a chief justice in a street car does not look different from other men, and the simply dressed old lady on the other side of you, who might be taking in sewing for all you know, may be a senator's wife or a cabinet officer's mother. I think it was at a reception the other day that a lady visiting in Washington, apparently well educated and certainly well dressed, was introduced for the first time to Mrs. John A. Logan. The senator who performed the introduction left immediately it was over, and the following conversation took place: "Logan, did you say? And have you been long in Washington, madam?" "Yes," replied Mrs. Logan, "I have been here for some time."

"And from what part of the country do you come?"

"Illinois," responded the senator's wife, and still the woman did not appreciate to whom

she was talking. She wanted to know from what part of Illinois, and talked about the weather and the commonplace, finally leaving the parlor without knowing that she had been conversing with perhaps the most noted woman in the United States. Mrs. Logan left her undeceived, but after she had gone she dropped into a chair, and with a sigh mortified to a friend at her side, saying, "And such is fame!"

Postmaster General Vilas is fast developing into a good story teller. Of the different members of the cabinet he is said to tell the most and the best stories, and in illustrating the American French used at the capital, he said it reminded him of a remark made to him when the first railroad came to Madison, Wis. Vilas was a young man then, and Madison was much smaller than it is now. The people were greatly elated over the advent of the railroad. They thought Madison would rival Chicago, and that it would in time become the center of the world, so that people who wanted to go to China or elsewhere would come to Madison to start. On the day that the last rail was laid a celebration meeting was held at the depot, and young Vilas made the oration of the day. Said he: "Every one was happy in the prospects of the town, and I was much congratulated for my speech, which was of the spread-eagle order. As I went up town after the meeting was over I met one of the old citizens

and he greeted me effusively with the following, giving a long pronunciation to the first and an accent to the last syllable, sounding the t in the closing words of each sentence: 'Billy, I have been down at the *de-pot*, and I heard your *de-but*, and I think you did it with great *e-clat*.'"

Congressman Hill, of Ohio, tells me a story of a witty repartee of Sunset Cox, now our minister to Turkey, in response to a half insulting remark of one of the South American diplomats at Washington. "Sam Cox," said Mr. Hill, "was chairman of the committee on foreign affairs at the time, and the incident occurred at a gorgeous reception given by the Mexican minister. While Cox, one of the South American ministers and myself were standing about the punch bowl the diplomat began to contrast the present reception with the poor affairs given by the president of the United States, saying that the foreign rulers surpassed the Americans in their modes of living, and that their foreign agents could give better receptions than the president of the United States. The diplomat then went on to tell how royally their rulers lived in comparison with the American president. Mr. Cox listened until the diplomat had finished. He then said: "Yes, sir, I agree with you in that your rulers do live more royally than ours, but you must remember that, in your countries, while your rulers are rich the people are poor; but that here the rulers are poor, while the people are rich. We run our countries on different principles, and we believe that the comfort of all the people is more to be sought after than all the luxury and pomp of one man." These remarks were made in Mr. Cox's most affable manner, and they effectually silenced the diplomat.

Mrs. Senator Payne is a quiet little woman, with no snobbishness about her. She is thoroughly unpretentious, and she does not propose being imposed upon. A friend of mine going to Philadelphia the other day told me how she resisted the imposition of a couple of negro porters, who carried her baggage, consisting of two small satchels, into the depot. In some way they found out that she was Mrs. Payne, and as she handed them fifty cents, which, by the way, was ample pay for the work they had done, they began to bluster and try to make her pay more. She told them that the amount they had received was sufficient for the service they had done, and that so firmly that they left her, feeling much ashamed. I suppose they thought that because she was the wife of the millionaire senator she ought to give them $10 apiece.

Mrs. Payne dresses very plainly, though at the same time very well. The other night a lady of my acquaintance called upon the senator. She had never seen Mrs. Payne, and in the reception room where she waited, she thought the little gray-haired woman writing at the desk to be Senator Payne's secretary. A moment later, however, a servant girl came in and addressed the little old lady as Mrs. Payne, and she was surprised to see her give an order and leave the room.

Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, is a temperance man, and he gave one of his brother senators a good lecture on the abuse of alcoholic liquors in the lobby of the senate the other day. The senator had been jeering him for his not drinking, when Spooner turned upon him and told him that he was standing upon the brink of hell, and that he ought to be ashamed of himself for drinking or countenancing drinking in any manner whatsoever. He poured his denunciations out upon his senatorial friend in such a way as to make the latter decidedly angry. The drinking senator left finally in a rage, and to a bystander who had heard the conversation, and who remarked: "Those are very hard words, Senator Spooner," the Wisconsin man replied: "Yes, I know they are hard words, but Senator Blank is my friend and he needed them. He has no business to drink, and he knows that what I have told him is true."

FRANK GEORGE.

Warrensburg.

On last Saturday evening Warrensburg received a grand musical treat by Miss Belle Ford, of Normal, Ill., at Boughn's opera house. She sang some very difficult pieces without any visible effort. She far surpassed our expectations, she being only sixteen years of age. She has a fine contralto voice and sings with the sweetness of a nightingale. We could truthfully say:

Our soul was an enchanted boat,
Which like the sleepy swan doth float
On the silver waves of that sweet singing.

She was assisted by her little four-year-old brother who gave some fine selections which alone was worth twice the price of admission. Master Charley is a talented little boy. The night being so dark and roads bad, there were but few out; but should Miss Belle deem it prudent to pay our city another visit we wil warrant her a full house. We with pleasure recommend her to the patronage of the public.

The editor of the *Times* (Samuel Ritchie) was kicked by Boughn's nineteen thousand pound horse Saturday; not seriously hurt.

No clew to the parties that broke open Messrs. Ritchie & Stahl's safe on last Wednesday night. They got about four hundred dollars.

Mr. John Williams is lying very low with lung fever.

Mr. Z. Boughn and family left for their new home in Nebraska last Wednesday. We hate to part with such an honored citizen. Please accept the best wishes of Dockie with your many friends.

A number of our young people attended a private dance at J. Child's last Tuesday evening. They report a very pleasant time.

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They're placed in a temperate spot,
And, in fact, have a very soft thing;
So they don't care a jot
If it freezes or not,
As they feel pretty certain that they have the pot.
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Administrator's Notice for Final Settlement.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, Macon County, } ss

Estate of William Rung, Deceased.

To John F. Rung, of said estate:

You are hereby notified that on Monday, the nineteenth day of April, 1886, the administrator of said estate will present to the County Court of Macon county, at Decatur, Illinois, his final report of his acts and doings as such administrator, and ask the Court to be discharged from any and all further duties and responsibilities connected with said estate, and his administration thereof, at which time and place you may be present and resist such application, if you choose so to do.

(Signed) WILLIAM COOPER, Administrator.

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Statement of Treasurer of Commissioners of Highways.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, Macon County, } ss.

Town of South Macon.

The following is a statement by John Bottomfield, Treasurer of the Commissioners of Highways of the Town of South Macon, in the county and state aforesaid, of the amount of public funds received and expended by him during the fiscal year just closed, ending on the 17th day of March, 1886, and the amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of said fiscal year, the amount of public funds received and from what sources received, the amount of public funds expended and for what purposes expended, during said fiscal year, ending as aforesaid.

JOHN BOTTEMFIELD.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 18th day of March, 1886. J. L. HIGHT, a Notary Public.

1885.

Amount of public funds on hand at commencement of fiscal year, commencing the 25th day of Mar., 1885..		$1,258 11
July 24, Received from Incidentals....		60
Aug. 14, G. M. Wood, delinquent tax.. 1886.		881 22
March 17, J. D. Hemphill.....		1,113 98
Total...		$3,251 81
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Treasurer's commission.....	$ 91 67	
Pathmasters.....	124	
City of Macon.....	125	
Printing.....	4 50	
Lumber.....	230 15	
Grading.....	75	
Scrapers.....	34	
Ditching.....	136 77	
Building & repair'g bridges.	709 21	
Road labor.....	80 44	
total.....	$1,610 77	
Balance in Treasury.....	1,641 04	
Total.....		$3,251 81 $3,251 81

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